

**Remarks by Ambassador Zumwalt  
Chief of Mission Residence  
Reception for MCC Delegation  
Thursday, February 11, 2016**

*(As prepared)*

Minister of Economy, Finance and Planning,  
Mr. Ambassador of Canada,  
Mr. Ambassador of the European Union,  
Mr. Ambassador of Spain,  
Members of the donor community and civil society,  
Representatives of the banking community and the private sector,  
Representatives of the NGOs,  
Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Good evening! I am delighted to welcome you to my home and to present our delegation from the Millennium Challenge Corporation led by Mr. Kamran Khan, Vice President of Compact Operations. He and his delegation are here to begin developing a second compact. I am grateful for their presence, for their engagement and for the MCC's continued commitment to the strong partnership between Senegal and the United States.

Like the United States, each of you has an interest in a prosperous and secure Senegal and, whether you are a representative of the Senegalese government, a foreign Embassy, a multilateral organization, an NGO, the private sector, or civil society, you have all contributed to this goal

MCC contributed most recently through the completion of their five-year \$540 million compact with Senegal with a focus on unlocking Senegal's agriculture productivity and expanding access to markets that lift barriers to economic growth, reduce poverty and increase investment.

The Government of Senegal and MCC are now entering into the development phase of a second partnership. In the context of MCC, a Second Compact represents not only a major investment but also a continuation of a strong partnership solidified by a binding accord between our two governments.

I congratulate Senegal on having been selected as eligible to develop a second Compact and for their solid record on the MCC indicator scorecard that measures economic freedom, investing in people and ruling justly.

To be successful, effective coordination with other partners will be necessary. It is in this context that we welcome Kamran Khan who will be reaching out to many of you during his visit. He is responsible for overseeing MCC's global \$9 billion compact grant program portfolio. He has over 20 years of experience in international development and the private sector in the World Bank, USAID, JP Morgan and Goldman Sachs.

Please join me in warmly welcoming Kamran Khan, MCC Vice President of Compact Operations.