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Execution of Nine Death Row Inmates in The Gambia

The United States is greatly concerned by the Government of The Gambia's execution of nine death row inmates. We condemn the lack of transparency and haste under which these executions were effected and the apparent lack of due process in the proceedings leading to these death sentences.

The United States calls on the Government of The Gambia to ensure that its own internal laws are respected and followed, and to uphold its international obligations under the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights and the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The United States calls on President Jammeh to immediately halt all executions in order to review all of The Gambia's capital cases and ensure that they are in accordance with The Gambia's domestic law and its international obligations.

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