

## **PRESS STATEMENT**

### **Peacebuilding Commission Ambassadorial-level Meeting on the 2025 Review of the Peacebuilding Architecture – The Gambia's experience New York, 1 July 2024**

- 1. On 21 June, the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) convened its first Ambassadorial-level meeting on the 2025 Review of the Peacebuilding Architecture. The meeting showcased the support and accompaniment of the Commission to The Gambia since its first engagement in 2017. The meeting was opened with an interactive dialogue, facilitated by the Chair of the Commission, Ambassador Sérgio Danese, with HE Mr. Mamadou Tangara, Minister of Foreign Affairs of The Gambia, and former Permanent Representative of the Gambia to the United Nations, and HE Mr. Cho Tae-yul, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, who was Chair of the Commission in 2017, when The Gambia started first to engage with the Commission. Ms. Elizabeth Spehar, Assistant Secretary General for Peacebuilding Support also briefed the Commission.**
- 2. The Ministers of The Gambia and the Republic of Korea recalled how in 2017, as The Gambia faced a difficult and intense political transition, its government decided to**

**the support of governments and people and, therefore, the participants commended the Government and people of The Gambia for their willingness to provide inclusive and conducive environment for conflict prevention programs to be implemented. They also reiterated the vital role of sustaining development in achieving lasting peace, and appealed to the international community to enhance their efforts on the sustainable development of the Gambia.**

- 5 They noted that the 2025 Review provides an opportunity to reflect how to further strengthen the elements that have ensured successful engagements by the PBC, such as the case with The Gambia, but also an occasion to identify areas that deserve improvements and further investment.**