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**December 1 Elections in THE GAMBIA:
Rumors, Realities and Responses**

1.0 INTRODUCTION
On 20 November 2015, at a press briefing the former Chairman of the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), Alhaji Murtaza Carayol announced the dates for the Presidential, National Assembly and local government elections in The Gambia for the 2016 & 2018 elections. This announcement indicated a number of strategies to ensure free, fair and credible elections including: partnership with the Democratic Party (DP) when it entered the party politics arena; resources, time and conduct of the election process; and the IEC's commitment to transparency and accountability. The IEC also indicated a number of strategies to ensure free, fair and credible elections including: partnership with the Democratic Party (DP) when it entered the party politics arena; resources, time and conduct of the election process; and the IEC's commitment to transparency and accountability.

2.0 CHRONOLOGY OF REPORTS AND REALITIES OF THE ELECTION PROCESS
On 21 July 2015, the National Assembly passed the Elections Amendment Bill, which provided for the formation of a public training centre to investigate the deaths of the two parties considered this a deliberate attempt to remove the space for political

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