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## OFFICIAL CIRCULAR

Regarding the Effect and Application of the EUCLID Headquarters in The Gambia

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### - Approval and Context

Without prejudice with other authoritative information communicated by other governments, this Official Circular is approved following the finalisation of the Headquarters Agreement between the Government of The Gambia and EUCLID (Euclid University – Pole Universitaire Euclide), which regulate the implantation of EUCLID permanent academic headquarters in The Gambia as authorised by The Gambia Government, following the events affecting the stability of the Central African Republic and, therefore, the operations of EUCLID's historical headquarters in Bangui.

### - Background and Status

EUCLID ([www.euclid.int](http://www.euclid.int)) is an international intergovernmental organisation constituted by international convention (United Nations Treaty Series I-49006/49007) with entry into force on 17 April 2008, and with the participation of The Gambia (instrument signed by Dr Mamadou Tangara, Minister of Higher Education, which is attached as Annex, with effect from July 2012). According to the normative practice of international law regarding intergovernmental universities, EUCLID was granted degree-granting authority under Article 1 with a clause of accreditation by the Ministries of Education. The initial and historic headquarters agreement, with the Central African Republic, took effect in March 2011.

The Gambia is also a stakeholder and participant in the United Nations University, African Virtual University, and through the International Maritime Organisation IMO, in the World Maritime University and International Maritime Law Institute.

In this regard, the Government of The Gambia notes and acknowledges the statement of the United Nations (0218/RCA/MP/ONU-12, dated 10 December 2012) that "both

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IAU/UNESCO and the UN Secretariat recognize Euclide Pole Universitaire Euclide and the other four UN institutions ... as being accredited.”

- **IAU listing and communication of information; Institutional Memberships**

As communicated by the Permanent Delegation of the Central African Republic to UNESCO in 2011, EUCLID will reconfirm or renew their inclusion in the IAU List of Universities of the World under the “regional / international” category which is the most fitting for such institutions. If this group is to be discontinued, or if these institutions are to be listed in other lists with a geographical entry (such as World Higher Education Database), the Government of The Gambia and EUCLID concur that EUCLID (Euclid University) is in “The Gambia.”

EUCLID is already a full member of the Association of African Universities which lists member institutions on the basis of country affiliation. The above is without prejudice to the right of other EUCLID Participating States to list EUCLID in accordance to their own policies of relationship and integration of international universities.

EUCLID is immediately eligible to apply for membership in the Association of Commonwealth Universities, Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World, and other similar associations.

- **Standards and Accreditation**

The Ministry of Higher Education, Research Science & Technology (MoHERST), being the proper accrediting body and oversight authority of higher education in The Gambia, hereby acknowledges the charter, academic accreditation and legal recognition granted to EUCLID in the instrument of participation signed on July 15, 2012 and further formally acknowledges the “Academic Standards applicable to the programs of EUCLID” which are attached as Appendix in English and French but which are not considered as part of this agreement for publication purposes. EUCLID will also participate in any Quality Assurance Framework being implemented to ensure ongoing conformity with updated processes of academic accreditation.

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**- Integration and Oversight**

In view of the above, and without prejudice to its legal status under international law and under the terms of the Headquarters Agreement, and in the same manner as similar intergovernmental universities, EUCLID is to be considered integrated in the system of higher education of The Gambia.

**- Further distribution and processes**

This Official Circular with relevant annexes may be transmitted for reference and necessary action to the Permanent Delegation of The Gambia to UNESCO, Permanent Mission of The Gambia to the United Nations, and Embassy of The Gambia to the United States.

It is issued with the expressed approval of The Honourable Minister of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology.



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Dr Pap Sey  
The Permanent Secretary

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