



THE GAMBIA

NO. 11 OF 2015

Assented to by The President,
this 31st day of December, 2015

YAHYA A. J. J. JAMMEH.

President



AN ACT to amend the Women's Act 2010 to prohibit female
circumcision and for connected matters.

ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly.

Short title

This Act may be cited as the Women's (Amendment) Act,
2015.

2. Amendment of Act No. 12 of 2010

The Women's Act (in this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Act.

3. Insertion of Section 32A

The Principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 32, the following new section-

"32A. Prohibition of female circumcision

(1) A person shall not engage in female circumcision

(2) A person who engages in female circumcision commits an offence and liable on conviction -

- (a) to imprisonment for a term of three years or a fine of fifty thousand dalasis or to both; and
- (b) where female circumcision causes death, to life imprisonment.

(3) Female circumcision includes-

- (a) the excision of the prepuce with partial or total excision of the clitoris (clitoridectomy);
- (b) the partial or total excision of the labia minora;
- (c) the partial or total excision of the external genitalia (of the labia minora and the labia majora), including stitching;

- (d) the stitching with thorns, straw, thread or by other means in order to connect the excision of the labia and the cutting of the vagina and the introduction of corrosive substances or herbs into the vagina for the purpose of narrowing it;
- (e) symbolic practices that involve the nicking and pricking of the clitoris to release drops of blood; or
- (f) engaging in any form of female genital mutilation or cutting."

4. Insertion of Section 32B

The Principal Act amended by inserting immediately after the new section 32A, the following new section-

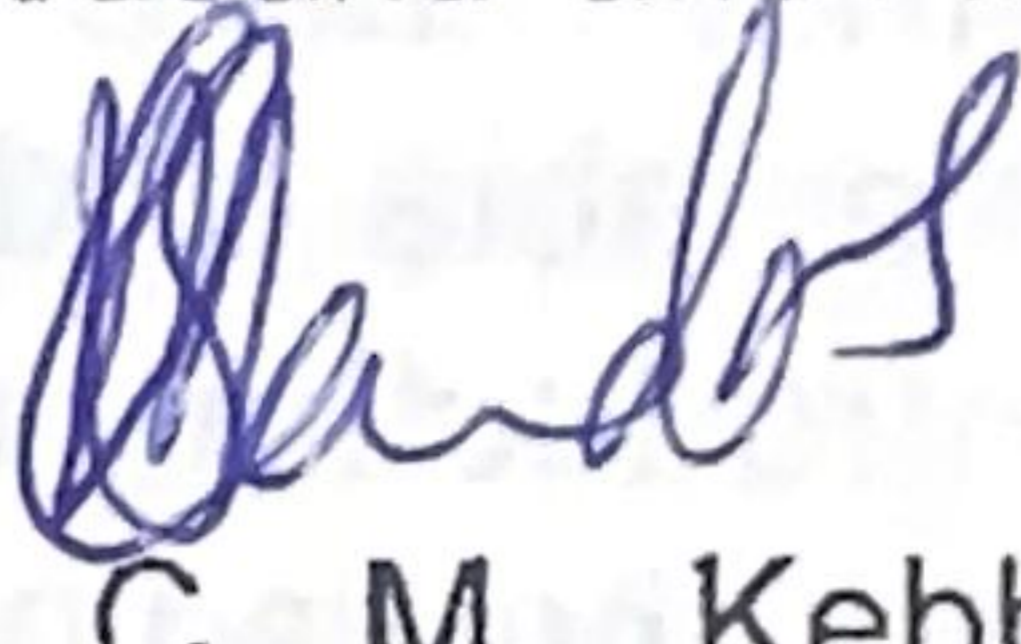
"32B. Accomplices to female circumcision

(1) A person who requests, incites or promotes female circumcision by providing tools or by any other means commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of three years or a fine of fifty thousand Dalasis or to both.

(2) A person who knows that female circumcision is about to take place or has taken place, and fails, without good cause, to warn or inform, as the case may be, the proper authorities promptly, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of ten thousand Dalasis."

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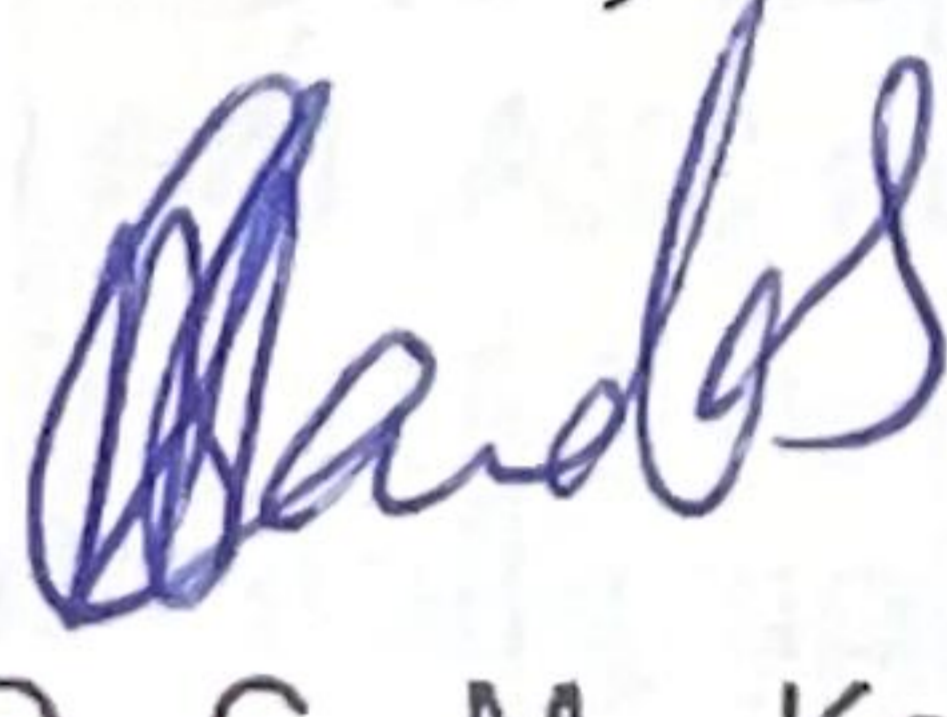
PASSED in the National Assembly this 28th day of December, in
year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Fifteen.

for: 

D. C. M. Kebbeh

Clerk of the National Assembly.

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the
which has passed in the National Assembly, and found by me to be a true and
correct copy of the said Bill.

for: 

D. C. M. Kebbeh

Clerk of the National Assembly.