

**SIXTH ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC  
2023 LEGISLATIVE YEAR  
THIRD ORDINARY SESSION  
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**TUESDAY 05<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

*The Assembly convened two minutes after eleven o'clock in the Morning. Prayers were read, and the Hon. Speaker, Fabakary Tombong Jatta, took the Chair.*

**ORDER PAPER**

**1. PRAYERS**

**2. Communication from the Chair**

3. Correction and Approval of Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Assembly sitting of Monday 04<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**4. MOTION**

i. Be it RESOLVED that this august Assembly do consider and Ratify the Agreement between the Government of The Gambia and the Swiss Federal Council on Cooperation in Migration Matters.

**(By: Hon Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation & Gambians Abroad)**

ii. Continuation of the debate on the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)

**(By: Hon Minister for Defence)**

The following Honourable Members were **present**:

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| 1. Hon. Fabakary Tombong Jatta  | - | Speaker                                 |
| 2. Hon. Billay G. Tunkara       | - | Kantora (Majority Leader)               |
| 3. Hon. Alhagie S. Darbo        | - | Brikama North (Minority Leader)         |
| 4. Hon. Abdoulie Ceesay         | - | Old Yundum (Deputy Majority Leader)     |
| 5. Hon. Madi M.K. Ceesay        | - | Serekunda West (Deputy Minority Leader) |
| 6. Hon. Omar Darboe             | - | Upper Niumi (Majority Chief Whip)       |
| 7. Hon. Musa Badjie             | - | Tallinding Kunjang                      |
| 8. Hon. Kebba Toumanding Sanneh | - | Foni Jarrol                             |
| 9. Hon. Almameh Gibba           | - | Foni Kansala                            |
| 10. Hon. Bakary K. Badjie       | - | Foni Bintang Karanai                    |
| 11. Hon. Muhamed Kanteh         | - | Busumbala                               |

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12.	Hon. Lamin J. Sanneh	-	Brikama South
13.	Hon. Sankung Dampha	-	Illiassa
14.	Hon. Alieu Baldeh	-	Jarra West
15.	Hon. Abdou Sowe	-	Kombo East
16.	Hon. Lamin Ceesay	-	Kiang West
17.	Hon. Alfusainey Ceesay	-	Sami
18.	Hon. Saikou Bah	-	Basse
19.	Hon. Suwaibou Touray	-	Wuli East
20.	Hon. Samba Jallow	-	Niamina Dankunku
21.	Hon. Salifu Jawo	-	Jokadu
22.	Hon. Kebba Jallow	-	Jarra Central
23.	Hon. Pa Dembo Sanneh	-	Foni Bondali
24.	Hon. Essa Conteh	-	Jimara
25.	Hon. Sainey Jawara	-	Lower Saloum
26.	Hon. Modou Lamin B. Bah	-	Banjul North
27.	Hon. Kebba Lang Fofana	-	Nominated Member
28.	Hon. Assan Touray	-	Bakau
29.	Hon. Fatou Cham	-	Sanimentereng
30.	Hon. Ebrima Jaiteh	-	Sandu
31.	Hon. Alhagie Babou Ceesay	-	Sabach Sanjal
32.	Hon. Amadou Camara	-	Nianija
33.	Hon. Yunusa N. Bah	-	Kiang Central
34.	Hon. Yahya Sanyang	-	Latrikunda Sabiji
35.	Hon. Maimuna Ceesay	-	Nominated Member
36.	Hon. Sheriff S. Sarr	-	Jeshwang
37.	Hon. Alhagie Mbow	-	Upper Saloum
38.	Hon. Fatou K. Jawara	-	Nominated Member
39.	Hon. Nfamara Sabally	-	Wuli West
40.	Hon. Amie Colley	-	Foni Brefet
41.	Hon. Kemo Gassama	-	Lower Baddibu
42.	Hon. Kebba K. Barrow	-	Kombo South
43.	Hon. Omar Jobe	-	Niani
44.	Hon. Gibbi Mballow	-	Lower Fulladu West
45.	Hon. Bakary Kora	-	Upper Fulladu West
46.	Hon. Dawda Jeng	-	Niamina East
47.	Hon. Haruna Barry	-	Jarra East

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48. Hon. Musa Cham	-	Serekunda
49. Hon. Birom J.S. Sowe	-	Niamina West
50. Hon. Fatoumatta Njai	-	Banjul South
51. Hon. Sulayman Jammeh	-	Bundungka Kunda

The following Members were absent **with permission**.

52. Hon. Seedy SK Njie	-	Deputy Speaker
53. Hon. Omar Jammeh	-	Janjanbureh
54. Hon. Yaya Gassama	-	Kiang East
55. Hon. Sulayman Saho	-	Central Baddibu (Minority Chief Whip)

The following Members were absent **without permission**.

56. Hon. Nfally M. Kora	-	Tumana
57. Hon. Abdoulie Njai	-	Banjul Central
58. Hon. Tamsir Cham	-	Lower Niumi

### **1. Communication from the Chair**

Hon. Speaker delivered a statement.

### **2. Correction and Approval of Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Assembly sitting of Monday 04<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

Hon. Maimuna Ceesay, Nominated Member, moved the motion and it was seconded by Hon. Omar Jobe, Member for Niani, for the Assembly to consider and approve the Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Assembly sitting of Monday 04<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

The Record of Votes and Proceedings was corrected and approved.

### **3. MOTION**

- i. Be it RESOLVED that this august Assembly do consider and ratify the Agreement between the Government of The Gambia and the Swiss Federal Council on Cooperation in Migration Matters.

**(By: Hon Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation & Gambians Abroad)**

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**MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE: Orders 53(k) and 60**

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With the permission of the Hon. Speaker, Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation & Gambians Abroad moved a motion to withdraw the Motion to *Ratify the Agreement between the Government of The Gambia and the Swiss Federal Council on Cooperation in Migration Matters, to enable him to exhaust the Cabinet process*, and Hon. Abdoulie Ceesay, Member for Old Yundum, seconded the Motion.

**Question put and accordingly agreed to:**

The Assembly agreed to withdraw the motion.

- ii. Continuation on the debate that this august Assembly do consider and Ratify the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)  
**(By: Hon Minister for Defence)**

**STATEMENT BY MINISTERS: Order 47**

With the permission of the Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation & Gambians Abroad shed light on the “*Good Government Practices between the Government of the Gambia and the European Union for the Efficient Operation of the Identification and Return Procedure of Persons without Authority to Stay*”.

**MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE: Orders 53(k) and 60**

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With the permission of the Hon. Speaker, Hon. Minister for Defence moved a motion to withdraw the motion to *Ratify the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), to enable the Executive to exhaust the signatory part of the Treaty*, and Hon. Omar Darboe, Member for Upper Niumi, seconded the motion.

**Question put and accordingly agreed to:**

The Assembly agreed to withdraw the motion.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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*At fifty minutes after eleven o'clock in the morning, the Assembly adjourned to Wednesday 06<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 10:00am*