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Statement in Support of the Nomination of Dr. Satang Nabaneh as Member of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) (2026–2031)

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of The Gambia is pleased to formally endorse the nomination of Dr. Satang Nabaneh by the Republic of The Gambia for election as a Member of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) for the period 2026–2031. Dr. Nabaneh's distinguished career as a human rights practitioner, legal scholar, and policy reform advocate positions her as an exceptionally well-qualified candidate to advance the rights and welfare of children across the African continent.

Dr. Nabaneh has been a valued technical partner to the NHRC in the discharge of its constitutional mandate to promote and protect human rights. Most notably, she led a landmark mixed-methods study on sexual harassment in public, private, and non-profit workplaces in The Gambia. Drawing on rigorous quantitative and qualitative research, she subsequently spearheaded the development of the National Sexual Harassment in the Workplace Policy, establishing the country's first comprehensive framework for institutional accountability on this critical issue.

Her candidacy is further underpinned by more than two decades of dedicated engagement with the African human rights system. From her early leadership as the first Speaker of the Children's Parliament of The Gambia to her roles as Technical Adviser to the Child Protection Alliance (CPA), Coordinator of the Female Lawyers Association of The Gambia (FLAG), co-founder of Think Young Women, and founder of Law Hub Gambia, Dr. Nabaneh has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights, particularly the rights of women, children, and other marginalized groups. She has a proven record in capacity building, advocacy, research, and in supporting Government efforts to develop and reform national legislation in line with international norms and best practices, including the Children's Act 2005 and the Women's Act 2010.

The NHRC firmly believes that Dr. Satang Nabaneh's election to the ACERWC would significantly strengthen the Committee's capacity to respond to complex child rights challenges through evidence-based policy engagement, principled advocacy, and a deep respect for the rule of law. We therefore strongly encourage African Union Member States and National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) to support her candidacy for the 2026–2031 term.



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