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**CVF Leaders Meeting on a New Era of Accountability:
An Adaptation Package, Debt Solutions, and Health Resilience for Vulnerable Nations**

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I am happy to join the wonderful thinkers on the march towards our net zero pathway. Excellencies, there is now space to change our business-as-usual with regard to development and climate actions. For far too long, delivery has been outsourced to external consultants and temporary projects that leaves little behind once they're closed. So that's when we say the projects are not working because the systems we take to implement are not working. That model has failed to build resilience, failed to build ownership, and failed to build trust.

The new pathway must be country-driven. National governments must lead with clear mandates. Sub-national actors must shape pipelines and local institutions. Public, private, academe, and civil society must be empowered to deliver. International partners still have a role to play, but it must be catalysts bringing capital technology and risk-sharing tools.

This is why the Gambia is advancing its own Climate Prosperity Investment and Financial Strategy, a nationally-led pathway to transform risk into opportunities, mobilize investment, and deliver prosperity through resilience. It demonstrates that we have industrial policy, the ability to build and retain capacity, and the ambition to lead.

In the Gambia, we are strengthening the climate-resilient health system to address converging crises from extreme heat and vector-borne diseases to climate-related displacement. As part of this effort, we are investing in renewable energy solutions for health centers, ensuring that essential services remain uninterrupted, even during climate shocks.

Let me be clear, when we define our vision, we ensure that our future is built on our priorities, not someone else's. By leading with clarity and ambition, we claim ownership of our part and inspire others to support it. At COP30, we must deliver a comprehensive Adaptation Package that ensures financial flow at scale, at speed, and at cost that vulnerable nations can afford.

We also look forward to the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice and opportunities are provided to accelerate approaches to climate action worldwide. The Gambia is happy to say that the leadership towards climate actions is paramount, but we need the policy instrument to guide the actions. Why?

For the first time, we are now coming with a comprehensive, but modeled Climate Bill, which will soon be an Act that will shape our delivery position in terms of climate actions, that will build the governance of accountability, for us to act and deliver what is sustainable within The Gambia's context.

Today, the Gambia proudly joins its fellow members to declare climate prosperity. Climate Prosperity will not be handed to us by outsiders. It will be forged by our own leadership, determination, and collective actions. On that, I call all of us to now embrace actions rather than only pledges.

Thank you.

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