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NOTIFICATION

The attached notification concerning domestic support commitments for 1997 (Table DS:1 and the relevant Supporting Tables) was received from the delegation of **Gambia** on 21 January 1998.

In accordance with the notification requirement (paragraph 2, page 11 of G/AG/2), Gambia notifies that domestic support to agricultural producers in 1997 was provided through the operations of the Department of State for Agriculture and other government departments. All such support is covered by the domestic support categories which are exempt from reduction commitment under the Agreement on Agriculture. The following Supporting Tables provide details on these exempt measures.

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Gambia

REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 1997

Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - "Green Box"

Supporting Table DS:1

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of measure in year in question	Data sources
1	2	3	4
"general services"	General and product specific research: looks into technical issues reflecting agricultural productivity. The programmes are operated by the relevant Departments and do not involve direct payments to producers.	Part of the Recurrent and development budget of the Department of State for Agriculture totalling D 31.8 million which represents government local counterpart contributions (GLF).	Estimates of Recurrent and Development Expenditure
"general services"	Extension services: delivery of extension messages to facilitate the transfer of information and research results to producers.	"	"
"general services"	Market information: collection of monthly average prices of cereals per division and country wide.	"	"
"general services"	Pest and disease control: agricultural pest management unit gives advice on general crop-specific pest and disease control.	"	"

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: Gambia
REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year 1997

Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - Special and Differential Treatment - "Development Programmes"

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6:2	Monetary value of measure in year in question US\$	Data sources
1	2	3	4
"investment subsidies generally available to agriculture"	Agricultural credit scheme: savings mobilisation by VISACAs for short term credit requirements.	250,000	ASP Appraisal Report (IFAD Components)