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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of The Gambia to the United Nations presents its compliments to His Excellency the Secretary General of the United Nations and has the honour to request, in accordance with Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion in the agenda of the item entitled: Observer status for the Collaborative Inter-governmental Scientific Research Institute in the General Assembly.

The Collaborative Inter-governmental Scientific Research Institute (CISRI) is an intergovernmental institution, whose objective is the enhancement of international co-operation through the transfer of sustainable technology, especially in the field of food security and water sanitation, in addition to applied scientific research and inter-university coordination.

Its subsidiary intergovernmental Spirulina Program (ISP), *in extenso* : Intergovernmental Institution for the use of Micro-alga Spirulina against malnutrition, focused on the use of algal biomasses to combat food crisis, has been granted observer status with the Economic and Social Council and its functional bodies and commissions, by Decision E/2003/212, of 5 March 2003.

According to Rule 20 of the aforementioned Rules of Procedure, an explanatory memorandum (annex I), on the nature of the organization and the relevant draft resolution (annex II) are attached to this present letter.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of The Gambia to the United Nations also has the honour to request that the present letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan
Secretary General
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