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Mr. Philippe Gautier
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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the case concerning the Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (The Gambia v. Myanmar), and your letter No. 163405 dated 12 December 2024, which transmitted the Declaration of Intervention of the Kingdom of Belgium (the “Declaration”).

In accordance with Article 83 of the Rules of Court (the “Rules”) and your letter of 12 December 2024, The Gambia hereby submits its Observations on the Declaration.

Article 63 of the Statute of the Court (the “Statute”) confers a “right to intervene in the proceedings” to States Parties to the Genocide Convention. Article 82 of the Rules sets forth the conditions for the admissibility of such interventions.

The Declaration has been duly filed pursuant to Article 63 of the Statute and in accordance with the conditions set forth in Article 82 of the Rules. The Declaration has been filed in a timely manner, before the date fixed for the filing of the last written pleading, and has been filed in accordance with the requirements of Article 38 of the Rules. Furthermore, as required by Article 82 of the Rules, the Declaration appropriately: (a) contains information demonstrating that the State is a Party to the Genocide Convention, (b) identifies the provisions

of the Convention which the State considers to be in question, and (c) provides a statement of the construction of those provisions. The Declaration annexes two supporting documents, both of which are listed in the footnotes to the Declaration.

For the reasons set forth above, The Gambia considers that the Declaration is admissible.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,



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