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GAMBIA SUPREME COURT FAILS TO SIT ON PETITION

The Pan African Lawyers Union, (PALU) wishes to commend the Chief Justices of Nigeria and Sierra Leone for declining the request of the Chief Justice of Gambia to send judicial officers to hear the petition filed by the outgoing president of Gambia, Yahya Jammeh.

We commend the named justices: Abubakar Datti Yahaya J.C.A; Abib Adewale Abiru J.C.A; Abubakar Tijani J.C.A; Festus Obande J.C.A and Akomaya Angim J.C.A who have refused to be used to subvert the will of the people of Gambia through a process that, though cloaked in "constitutionalism" is only designed with a pre-determined outcome.

We shall continue to stand with the legal profession in Gambia and the entire people of Gambia as they overcome the challenges ahead and deepen their constitutional democracy.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2017.

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