

RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON FPAC's REPORT 2023

WHEREAS the National Assembly considered the recommendations of the Consolidated Report of the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) for the period June 2022 to July 2023 on the 2019 Audited Accounts of the Government, Auditor General's Report on Covid-19 Response Phase 2, Annual Activity Reports and Audited Financial Statements of Public Agencies and Institutions, City, Municipal and Area Councils;

RECOGNISING the good work of the Auditor General and the quick responses of the Accountant General to the FPAC;

APPLAUDING the FPAC for working during odd hours to deliver this comprehensive report;

COGNIZANT of the provisions of the 1997 Constitution of the Gambia, Public Finance Act 2014 and the Financial Regulations of 2016;

NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED:

1. A comprehensive list of all fraudulent cases across government institutions particularly the Accountant Generals office, the Auditor Generals Office, the Inspector General of Police and the Judiciary including names, amount, date and their current status; failure of which, the Inspector General of Police must launch an investigation immediately and report back to the FPAC;
2. That all unreconciled government transactions indicated in the 2019 audited accounts be reconciled by the Accountant General before the end of the Financial Year, 2023 and a report sent to the FPAC; failure of which, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance must punish the people concern;
3. That the Minister of Finance must provide a written explanation to the FPAC on or before 25th September 2023, the reasons why 404 virements totalling GMD 2,687,362,341.40 were made over the maximum threshold of seventy-five percent (75%);

4. The Secretary General at the Office of the President and the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Works must provide a written explanation to the FPAC as to why the approval for a single source procurement for the rehabilitation work at the State House was sought after the completion of the work, on or before 25th September, 2023;
5. The Secretary General, Office of the President and Permanent Secretary MoTWI must provide a written explanation to the FPAC for accepting the Banjul Drainage, Roads and Sewage (BDRS) Contract and evidence that GAI Enterprise is the most suitable and qualified contractor to carry out this project, on or before 25th September 2023;
6. The Accountant General must present all un-presented payment vouchers and supporting documents amounting to GDM 392, 091.67 to the auditors for review, on or before 25th September 2023, failure of which, the Inspector General of Police must launch an investigation immediately and report back to the FPAC;
7. The Contracts Committee and the Secretary General at the Office of the President in 2019 reimburse the sum of D950, 000.00 being a contingency amount that they were asked to remove from the Contract with Gai Construction for the Rehabilitation of State House by the GPPA on or before the 25th September 2023, failure of which, the Inspector General of Police must launch an investigation immediately and report back to the FPAC;
8. That the Permanent Secretary Ministry of the Environment must provide to the Auditor General and FPAC all agreements they have with the Government of Senegal relating to all forfeited timber ceased on Gambian soil and all the payments made from the proceeds; on or before 25th September 2023;

9. The Permanent Secretary Ministry of the Environment must provide to the Auditor and FPAC the authority to spend the funds generated from the sale of confiscated timber, on or before 25th September 2023;
10. That the MoFEA provide a written explanation to the Auditors and FPAC the procurement of 15 motor vehicles brand that are different from the specifications on the contract, within ten (10) days, failure of which, the Inspector General of Police must launch an investigation immediately and report back to the FPAC
11. That the MoFEA provide a written explanation with supporting documents to the Auditors and FPAC for the procurement and delivery of outstanding two motor vehicles and their locations, on or before 25th September 2023, failure of which, the Inspector General of Police to launch an investigation immediately and report back to the FPAC;
12. That the Nissan Patrol Pickup vehicle purchased for Panchang PIU, be delivered to the IGP for delivery on or before 25th September 2023, failure of which, the Inspector General of Police must launch an investigation immediately and report back to the FPAC;
13. That the Chief of Staff and Inspector General of Police must ensure that the commandeering of NAO vehicles stops immediately;
14. That PURA must levy appropriate fines on the Jah Oil for their wilful non-compliance of the regulations immediately;
15. That the Department of Physical Planning must not issue permits for construction of fuel stations prior to PURA's approval;
16. That the Ministry of Youth and Sports must regularize the situation at National Youth Service Scheme by end of October 2023, failure of which the budget for the institution must not be considered;
17. That the Director General of the Gambia Bureau of Statistics must ensure that some payment vouchers amounting to GMD 450,890.00 that were not presented for audit inspection, are provided to the auditors on or before the

- 25th September 2023, failure of which, the Inspector General of Police must launch an investigation immediately and report back to the FPAC;
18. That the Director General GCCPC must ensure that the monies involved in fraud case concerning fuel coupons defrauded by their staff, be fully recovered on or before the 25th September 2023, failure of which, the Inspector General of Police must launch an investigation for possible prosecution;
 19. That the Principal of The Gambia College must provide all missing vouchers amounting to GMD 21 million to the auditors on or before 25th September 2023, failure of which, the Inspector General of Police must launch an investigation immediately and report back to the FPAC;
 20. That the Select Committee on Regional Government must visit Brikama Area council latest by end of October 2023 to investigate the issues relating to the new BAC office building;
 21. That the CEO of Janjanbureh Area Council must immediately provide all missing vouchers on or before 25th September, 2023, failure of which, the equivalent amount to be deposited into the accounts of the Janjanbureh Area Council or the Inspector General of Police must launch an investigation immediately and report to FPAC;
 22. That the Director of Finance at the Kuntaur Area Council must refund the amount of money claimed to have been used for set-settal on or before 25th September 2023, failure of which, the Inspector General of Police must launch an investigation immediately and report to FPAC;
 23. That the Select Committee on Regional Government and Lands, Ombudsman and IEC, must ensure the Local Government Act 2002 and the Finance and Audit Manual 2004 are reviewed latest December 2023;
 24. That the Judiciary prepare their accounts and submit them for audit to the Auditor General for the period ending 31st December 2023;

25. That the GPPA to provide to the FPAC the compliance report of every institution receiving public funds during the review of the institutions;
26. That all Government institutions must immediately regularize all rental agreements they have with the Committee on Rent and Accommodation (CORA) and desist from any further negotiations on their own;
27. That the institutions that have not submitted their Audited Accounts and activity reports up to 31st December 2020 to the FPAC, will have their budget not approved;
28. That the Auditor General to start incorporating ICT audits in their work across all institutions of government beginning in 2023;
29. That the Auditor General to immediately investigate the writing-off of D19, 758, 493.90 by National Roads Authority (NRA) for an advance they have paid to COPRI;
30. That the Auditor General and AGD must ensure that the Audited Accounts of government for years 2020 and 2021 are submitted to the National Assembly by end of October 2023;
31. That the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs and the Ministry of Justice must review Government's engagement with GAMWORKS to protect public interest by end of October 2023;
32. That the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs be held responsible for all penalties on late payments on loans, interests and commitment charges for untimely utilization of project disbursements beginning September 2023;
33. That the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education in 2019, reimburse the Government, the sum of D30, 451.00 being payment made on an expired contract on EMP:101207 by end of September 2023;
34. That vote controllers to refund government all monies spent on single source procurements that have not been authorized prior to any purchase effective immediately;
35. That all Ministries must provide to the FPAC all projects under their Ministries for both self accounting and none self accounting projects and the people that are overseeing these projects on or before 25th September 2023;
36. That the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs to provide to the Auditor General and the FPAC information relating

to the Janneh Commission's Treasury Receipts amounting to D22, 319, 957.92 on or before 25th September 2023;

37. That all Councils to prepare credible accounts from 2019 to 2020 by the end of October 2023 and the accounts of 2021 and 2022 by end of December 2023 and submit them to the Auditor General for auditing;

Done on this 14th Day of September 2023