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Royal Commonwealth Society statement on The Gambia re-joining the Commonwealth

The Royal Commonwealth Society welcomes The Gambia's intention to re-join the Commonwealth under newly elected President, Adama Barrow.

Foreign Secretary, Boris Johnson made the announcement ahead of his trip to The Gambia on Tuesday.

Lord Howell of Guildford, President of The Royal Commonwealth Society said: "The proposed return of The Gambia to the Commonwealth network and family is a vote of confidence in the organisation, as is the interest of others seeking to join.

Boris Johnson, British Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, is showing real insight in recognising the importance of a strong Commonwealth to Britain's future trade, prosperity and soft power influence".

The West African nation will now go through the formal process of re-applying for membership. The Gambia had previously withdrawn from the Commonwealth in 2013 under former President, Yahya Jammeh.

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