

# IMPORTANT UPDATE

THURSDAY, May 22, 2008 MCC Los Angeles

MCC's Global Justice Team released an Action Alert on Wednesday to mobilize support for lesbian, gay, transgender and bisexual Gambians whose lives and safety have been threatened by Gambia's president..

***So many people have responded that the e-mail box for the President of Gambia is now full*** -- e-mails sent to his attention are now bouncing back with an error message stating the mailbox is full! (This is reminiscent of the Romanian Action Alert three years ago that shut down the e-mail system of the mayor of Bucharest.)

At some point yesterday, his staff must have cleared the President's e-mail box -- messages were again getting through for a while last evening. But this morning, his box is full again and messages sent to his attention are bouncing back.

**We are re-issuing the Action Alert today with a new e-mail address.** (People are still asked to write to the President of Gambia; the new e-mail address will send messages to the President in care of Gambia's ambassador to the United Nations.)

**We will be sending the revised Action Alert with the new e-mail address to you shortly:**

**1. *If you forwarded yesterday's Action Alert to your lists...*** would you also send today's revision? There will be an explanation in the new Alert as to why it is circulating again.

**2. *If you wrote a message to the President of Gambia yesterday and your e-mail bounced back to you...*** (some of you wrote to let me know this had happened) -- would you re-send your message to the new e-mail address?

**3. *And if your e-mail did get through yesterday...*** -- why not write *another* message to the new e-mail address, as well? It is so important that Gambia's leadership clearly see that international attention is focused on the crisis in their country.

Thanks.

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(on behalf of MCC's Global Justice Team)

P.S. FYI, the new e-mail address for messages addressed to Gambia's president is [gambia@un.int](mailto:gambia@un.int).