DONALD TRUMP SIGNS A VISA-FREE TRAVEL POLICY FOR GAMBIA

The United States President, Donald Trump has signed an executive order to allow Gambian nationals to travel to the United States without visas.

The new order, serving as a change in visa policy for Gambians traveling to the United States, would permit them stay in the US for a maximum period of 180 days for tourism or business purposes only. Stay over 180 days would therefore require a visa.

Trump says this measure is to strengthen trade between the United States and Gambia.

However, Gambians who hold dual nationality will be banned from entering the United States if their other passport is from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Sudan, Libya, Somalia and Yemen — the seven Muslim-majority countries "of concern".

It has emerged that trade and bilateral visa deals have been discussed by Trump and Gambian Diplomats in the State.

A source at the White House has hinted that Trump may revoke Australia's opportunity of traveling to the United States without visas after canceling all trade deals with the country.

Allowing Gambians to enter the United States freely is not the only order signed into force by Trump since assuming office. He has signed 17 new executive orders — including one to expedite environmental reviews and approval of high-priority infrastructure projects.

President Donald Trump signed executive orders to advance the construction of the controversial Dakota Access and Keystone XL pipelines.

He also signed an executive order on Monday banning federal funds from organizations that promote abortion around the world, including the International Planned Parenthood Federation, in what activists say is the president's first major pro-life action while in office.