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**The Portuguese euroAtlantic transports Gambian President in State Visit to Serra Leon**

euroAtlantic airways (EAA) has just transported His Excellency the President of the Republic of Gambia Yahya Jammeh in a State Visit to Serra Leon. The company founded and Chaired by Tomás Metello showed on the fuselage of one of the aircraft of its fleet the pennant of a country whose history was intertwined with that of Portugal in 1588 when the pretendent to the Portuguese throne António Prior do Crato with the chancellor of Queen Elizabeth I granted trading rights to English merchants.

euroAtlantic airways provided the Presidency of the Republic of Gambia with a Boeing 767-300ER in a comfortable Executive version, with the passengers having used VIP treatment. At the end of the trip the committee praised the quality of the service and the friendliness of the Portuguese crew. The same EAA plane was parked at the airport of the capital Banjul on St.Mary's Island in the service of Gambia International Airlines to operate the Hajj pilgrimage flight, transporting pilgrims between Gambia and Mecca (Jeddah) in Saudi Arabia. Tomás Metello's company, in which the Pestana Group holds a stake, has vast experience in this market segmento. The total volume of traffic generated by the Hajj can be assessed from the obligation of Muslims with economic means to visit the tomb of the Prophet at least once in their lives.

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