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### CPA-UK Delegation Visits the Leadership of Parliament

A five-man delegation from the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association-United Kingdom headed by Andrew Tuggey, Director of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association-UK on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015, paid a courtesy call on the Leadership of Parliament and the office of the Clerk of Parliament.

The aim of the visit according to the head of the delegation was to get firsthand information on the activities of Parliament and the roles played by Parliament in the fight against the ebola virus disease in the country.

The Speaker of Sierra Leone Parliament, Hon. SBB Dumbuya, welcomed and appreciated the delegation to Sierra Leone and pleaded for more support for the staff of Parliament especially in the area of research skills which he described as “deficient” and therefore be improved to enhance the work of Parliament. He also spoke about his passion for women’s empowerment and development in the country.



*CPA delegation charting with the leadership of parliament*

Briefing the delegation on the activities of Parliament, the Majority Leader of Parliament Hon. Ibrahim Bundu acknowledged the support of the international community in the fight against the ebola virus disease. He also informed the delegation that Parliament played a pivotal role in the fight against the ebola virus by enacting necessary legislations and facilitated sensitizations at constituency level on the outbreak of the ebola virus in the country. In the area of Parliamentary Oversight, Hon. Bundu noted that Parliament has a great challenge in monitoring the activities of MDAs in terms of the judicious utilization of resources allocated to them for development. He also deliberated on the Constituency Development Fund, the functions of Parliament, the relationship between Parliament and Council, cognizant of the shift in the development paradigm between Council and Parliament as provided by law.

The Deputy Minority Leader of Parliament, Hon. Ansumana J. Kaikai welcomed the delegation and noted that the ebola came and took us by surprise because the disease itself was phenomenal in the country. He also commended the international community for their total support in the fight against the ebola virus disease. Hon. Kaikai further briefed the delegation on the activities of Parliament in the fight against ebola. He stressed the need for a rigid implementation of the regulations to end the countdown to zero and stay at zero.

Anthony Smith, CEO of Westminster Foundation for Democracy appreciated their visit to Sierra Leone and noted that his foundation has been working with Parliament and political parties in the country. He also stated that the role of Parliament was not captured in the post-ebola recovery report that was submitted to the United Nations.

The delegation later met and had fruitful deliberations with the Clerk of Parliament and Directors and Heads of various units in the Parliamentary Service.