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**FOURTH SESSION OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC
OF SIERRA LEONE**

**THIRTEENTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE
PUBLIC SERVICE ON PARLIAMENTARY VETTING OF
PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS**

1. INTRODUCTION

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, cognizant of its constitutional obligations, met on Wednesday 19th October, 2016 and interviewed six Presidential nominees for appointments as follows:-

- i. Chairman, National Civil Registration Authority
- ii. Chairman, Drug Law Enforcement Agency
- iii. Member, Sierra Leone Council for Post-graduate Colleges of Health Specialities
- iv. Electoral Commissioner, Eastern Region
- v. Member, Political Party Registration Commission.
- vi. Member, Millennium Challenge Corporation Unit (MCCU)

2. PROCEDURE

The Committee maintained strict consistency to its established procedure. Pertinent questions put to the nominees were related to their educational backgrounds, track records in public office, declared assets, tax obligations and their visions for a successful and nationally productive tenure. Issues of unsuitability or otherwise were closely looked into.

3. FOURTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON WEDNESDAY 19TH OCTOBER, 2016

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

i. Ambassador Andrew G. Bangali – Proposed Chairman National Civil Registration Authority

Ambassador Andrew G. Bangali is a retired career Diplomat who joined the Sierra Leone Civil Service in 1976 as Assistant Secretary and was posted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where he rose through the ranks in the diplomatic missions and later served as Permanent Secretary in a number of Ministries. In 2006 he was promoted Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. In 2008, He was appointed Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. (2008-2014). He returned home in 2014 and was appointed Director- General and Ambassador-At-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Giving his opinion on the newly established National Civil Registration Authority, Ambassador Bangali said, "I consider it an honour and privilege for His Excellency, the President, to nominate me as Chairman of the Authority. Civil Registration" he said, "is not a one-off assignment. It is an on-going, permanent, compulsory and universal assignment to collect data on everyone resident in this country, be you a citizen or a non-citizen. The essence is to capture information about the population living in the country. My take on it is that, it is a very serious assignment that has no room for errors. It should be very transparent and accurate because the data collected will serve several purposes. So I consider it a very important assignment."

Ambassador Bangali assured the Committee that modalities were being put in place to ensure that the Authority register everybody in the country including the sick and the disabled. "We are going to ensure that, as an Authority, nobody is left unregistered due to sickness and ill health because we are going to access every area of the country. We have identified 3,300 centers and, we are going to recruit 9,900 local personnel for training, who know the areas of work and could speak the local language," he said.

ii. Retired AIG Sorie Brima Kargbo -Proposed Chairman National Drug Law Enforcement Agency

Rtd AIG Sorie Brima Kargbo is a veteran police officer of high standing. He joined the Sierra Leone Police (SLP) in 1973 and rose through the ranks to the

position of Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIG) before his retirement in 2014

In his response to probing questions on the status of the drug situation in the country, Rtd AIG Sorie Kargbo deposed that the drug situation in the country was becoming terrible because the rate of addiction was on the increase and heinous crimes were being committed. "If I obtain the approval of this Honourable House, I will endeavour, to the best of my ability, to enforce the drugs laws so that we minimize drug abuse and crimes in the country."

iii. Rev. Dr. Philip B. S. Sesay - Proposed member S. L Council of Post-graduate college of Health Specialties

Rev. Dr. Philip B. S. Sesay is an outstanding Evangelist of the Westleyan Church. He is a lecturer at the Evangelical College of Theology and has spent all his working life in preaching, teaching and training disciples and evangelists.

Reacting to the Committee's inquiries, Rev. Dr. Philip Sesay promised to work to the best of his ability to help achieve the goals for which the Council of Post-graduate college of Health Specialties was established.

iv. Mr. Stephen Aiah Mattia - Proposed Electoral Commission, Eastern Region.

Mr. Stephen Aiah Mattia has served the National Electoral Commission in various positions for 26 years (1990-2016) including Acting as Chief Electoral Commissioner. He was recently on secondment to the United Nations as Senior Mission Planning Officer in the Electoral Assistance Division (EAD) of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic.

Responding to Committee's enquiries on his preparedness for the next election Mr. Mattia said, "with regards to my preparedness for the next election, you are all aware that important strategic goals have been achieved, the boundaries have been reviewed. The national electoral list in conjunction with the National Civil Registration Authority is poised to actualize the voter registration. I think these are key fundamental building blocks to election preparations. There are concerns about the huge election bill for 2018 but I want to believe that they will be met. Government has always partnered with the international donors to provide the requisite funding. At the personal level, I want to modestly assure

Honourable Members that elections have always been my work. I am just returning from conducting elections for the United Nations in the Central African Republic. I will continue to commit my knowledge, skills, experience and I will endeavour to do my best to live up to expectations."

Giving a professional view on the clustering of elections, Mr. Mattia said, "I agree with your concerns that conducting so many elections on a single day poses significant challenges to the electorate and also the electoral management body. The good thing however is that we have done it before in this country. We did it based on strategic financial approach and prudence. There was a time when we believed that conducting the elections separately would cause significant funding requirements on government and that was how the concept of clustering these elections came about. A lot of legal exercises have since been done to ensure that the life of Parliament and the Presidency run concurrently and their elections are conducted at the same time. When we started Local Council Elections we took the same approach to make the conduct of the elections cost effective," he said.

**v. Mr. Babatunde Dr. Pratt- Proposed Member, Political Party
Registration Commission (PPRC)**

Mr. Babatunde Dr. Pratt is a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of Sierra Leone and an Associate in the Law firm of Jenkins- Johnston & co. For the past Seven years, he has been the Duty Counsel for L.A.W.Y.E.R.S, representing women and children in gender and sexual violence cases for the Western Area and the Eastern Province.

Reacting to the Committee's enquiries, Mr. Babatunde Pratt said, "I know that the PPRC has been very effective in controlling and monitoring the activities of political parties but there are rooms for improvement and if I obtain the blessing of approval from Parliament, I hope to make a positive mark in the monitoring and controlling of political parties."

Questioned on the funding of political parties Mr. Pratt said, "the PPRC does not fund political parties, but it regulates and controls the way monies are being poured into the political parties."

**vi. Mr. Alphonse Willy Mabilia Ngana (Willy Ngana) –Proposed
Member, Millennium Challenge
Corporation Unit (MCCU)**

Mr. Alphonse Willy Ngana is the current Managing Director of the Sierra Leone Brewery 2012 to date. Mr. Ngana has previously served in the following capacities:

2009-2012- Heineken, Finance Director, Rwanda

2007-2009- Heineken Western Europe, Region- Business Controller Manager.

2002-2007- Heineken Group Internal Audits- Regional Audit Manager, Africa & Middle East etc. etc.

Responding to probing questions on what value he will add to the Unit to help Sierra Leone qualify for the Sustainable Development Goals, Mr. Alphonse Ngana said, "the Millennium Challenge Corporation Unit was established to enhance transparency and good governance. It was established to ensure that the energy, water supply and electricity sectors are upgraded to qualify for the Compact. My work with the unit is to advise and help build the various sectors to ensure that we qualify for the Compact."

4. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee adjudged the following Presidential nominees to be suitably qualified for their proposed appointments and they are recommended to the House for approval:

- i. Ambassador Andrew G. Bangali, Chairman, National Civil Registration Authority
- ii. Retired AIG Sorie Brima Kargbo- Chairman, Drug Law Enforcement Agency
- iii. Rev. Dr. Philip B. S. Sesay – Member, Sierra Leone Council for Post graduate Colleges of Health Specialities
- iv. Mr. Stephen Aiah Mattia –Electoral Commissioner, Eastern Region
- v. Mr. Babatunde D. R. Pratt - Member, Political Party Registration Commission.

- vi. Mr. Alphonse Willy Mabilia Ngana - Member, Millennium Challenge Corporation Unit (MCCU)

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Thirteenth Report is the unanimous decision of the Committee. I therefore move that the Thirteenth Report of the Fourth Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service be adopted by the House and that the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu
Chairman

Date:.....



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**SECOND SESSION OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF THE SECOND
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**MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE
ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING, ON WEDNESDAY
19TH OCTOBER, 2016 AT 11:00 A. M.**

1. **Prayers** – Prayers were said by the Clerk.

2. **Attendance**

2.1 The following Members of the Committee were present:

- i. Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu – Chairman
- ii. Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah
- iii. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
- iv. Hon. Claude.D.M. Kamanda
- v. Hon. Komba Eric Koedoyoma
- vi. Hon Patrick L. M. Kargbo
- vii. Hon. Amadu Kanu
- viii. Hon. Jusufu Barry Mansaray
- ix. Hon. Abie Kalokoh
- x. Hon Habib Munda
- xi. Hon. Veronica Sesay
- xii. Hon. PC. Joseph A. K. Kongomoh II

2.1 The following Members of the Committee were absent:

- i. Hon. Benneh Bangura
- ii. Hon. Leonard S. Fofanah

- iii. Hon.Mabinty H Bangura
- vii. Hon. Alhaji. Ansumana Jaia Kaikai

3. **PUBLIC HEARING** - Hearing was open to the public and the press.

4. Consideration of Presidential nominations for appointments as listed:

4:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

- i. Ambassador Andrew G. Bangali, Proposed Chairman, National Civil Registration Authority
- ii. Rev. Dr. Philip B. S. Sesay – Proposed Member, Sierra Leone Council for Post-graduate Colleges of Health Specialities
- iii. Mr. Stephen Aiah Mattia –Proposed Electoral Commissioner, Eastern Region
- iv. Mr. Babatunde D. R. Pratt –Proposed Member, Political Party Registration Commission.
- v. Rtd AIG. Sorie Brima Kargbo-Proposed Chairman, Drug Law Enforcement Agency
- vi. Mr. Alphonse Willy Mabilia Ngana - Proposed Member, Millennium Challenge Corporation Unit (MCCU)

The Committee rose at 2:30 p.m.

Peter J. Kulagbanda

Director of Committees.

