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

ELEVENTH 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 met on Wednesday 27th March 2013 and interviewed one Presidential nominee for appointment as Executive Director, Sierra Leone Maritime Administration.

2. **PROCEDURE**

The Committee maintained strict consistency to its established procedure. Pertinent questions put to the nominee were related to his educational background, track records in public office, declared assets, tax obligations, public information sought and his vision for a successful tenure of office.

3. **SIXTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH 2013**

3:1 The following nominee was interviewed:

i. Alhaji Wurroh Jalloh - Proposed Executive Director - Sierra Leone Maritime Administration

Mr. Wurroh Jalloh is a Mechanical Engineer who joined the Sierra Leone Maritime Administration as a Nautical Surveyor in 2003. He rose through the ranks to the position of Deputy Executive Director in 2009. In February 2011, he was re-designated Deputy Executive Director and Officer-in-Charge and, in August 2011, he was appointed Acting Executive Director, a position he has held to date. Prior to joining the Maritime Administration, Alhaji Jalloh was a Senior Lecturer at the Milton Margai College of Education and Technology, Congo Cross Campus.

Questioned on the issue of "flag of convenience," Alhaji Jalloh deposed that Sierra Leone is operating an international registry because of the difficulty in attracting European ship owners to come to Sierra Leone to register their ships. Off-shore offices have therefore been established to enable foreign ship owners to easily register their vessels with Sierra Leone. The issue of Flag of Convenience, he said,

"is about competition. Liberia has been in the business for about fifty years and has over 2000 ships registered. All the American ship owners are registering their vessels with Liberia. Ship owners generally register their ships with countries where taxes are low. Ships are charged on their tonnage, size and type and not on their numbers. Large ships like tankers, cruise liners bring in more revenue than a number of tug-boats."

"The issue of Flag of Convenience in Sierra Leone," he said, "has been fraught with problems that we are currently trying to solve. I have been instructed to review all the contracts entered into by my predecessor with the view of ensuring that the best interest of this nation is factored into those contracts." He admitted that Sierra Leone was generating revenue from the flags of convenience registrations and that such revenue was going directly into the Consolidated Funds.

On the issue of reviewing the Maritime Administration Act, he said, he had always Planned to review the Act. "While I was Acting Executive Director, I appealed to the International Maritime Organization, (IMO) and they sent three consultants to review the Act and that of the 'Merchant Shipping Act.' One thing I made clear to them was the position of Executive Director. All the Heads of Maritime Administrations in the sub region are Director-Generals and not Executive Directors." That, he said, would need to be amended in line with other Maritime Administrations in the sub-region. "Provision for Deputy Director in the Act is phrased as 'May' when it should be 'shall' to make it mandatory. All these and others would need to be amended by Parliament."

Alhaji. Wurroh Jalloh promised to work closely with Parliament, particularly the Members of the Pan-African Parliament, to ratify 'the African Charter on Maritime Transport.' "We have already started working on it. 'The African Charter on Maritime Transport,' he said, would be good for the country and we will fast-track it."

RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee adjudged the following Presidential nominee to be adequately qualified for his proposed appointment and is recommended to the House for approval:

i. Alhaji Wurroh Jalloh - Proposed Executive Director - Sierra Leone Maritime Administration

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Eleventh Report portrays the collective view of the Committee. I therefore move that the Eleventh Report of the First Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service be adopted by the House and that the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Hon. S. B. B. Dumbuya
Chairman

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**MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE
PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE
ROOM NO.1 PARLIAMENT BUILDING ON WEDNESDAY
27TH March 2013 AT 1:00 p. M.**

1. **Prayers** - Members prayed in silence

2. **Attendance**

2.1 The following Members of the Committee were present.

- i. Hon. S. B. B. Dumbuya
- ii. Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah
- iii. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
- iv. Hon. Ibrahim Bundu
- v. Hon. E. K. Koedoyoma
- vi. Hon. Alice Foyah
- vii. Hon. Brimah Conteh
- viii. Hon. Bliss Osho-Williams
- ix. Hon. Claude Kamanda

2.2 The following Members of the Committee were absent:

- i. Hon. Mabinty Funna
- ii. Hon. P. C. V.B.S. Kebbie
- iii. Hon. Alhaji Ansumana Jaia Kaikai
- iv. Hon. Amadu Kanu
- v. Hon. Veronica Sesay
- vi. Hon. Benneh Bangura
- vii. Hon. Augustine B. Torto

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

4. Consideration of Presidential nomination for appointment:

4:1 The following nominee was interviewed on oath:

- i. Alhaji Wurroh Jalloh - Proposed Executive Director - Sierra Leone Maritime Administration**

5. Closed Session

5.1 The Committee unanimously accepted the nomination of the candidate

The Committee rose at 2: 30 p.m.