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

FIFTEENTH 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 Thursday 11th July 2013 and interviewed three Presidential nominees for appointments as:

- i. Ambassador Extraordinary Plenipotentiary/Permanent Representative to the United Nations
- ii. Electoral Commissioner, (Southern Region)
- iii. Board Member, Corporate Affairs Commission (Representing the Chamber of commerce)

2. PROCEDURE

The Committee maintained strict consistency to its established procedure. Inquiring questions put to the nominees pertained to their educational backgrounds, track records in pertinent work situations, declared assets, tax obligations and their visions for a successful tenure.

3. TWENTY-FIRST SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY 11TH JULY 2013

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed:

- i. **Vandy Chidi Minah - Proposed** Ambassador Extraordinary Plenipotentiary/ Permanent Representative to the United Nations

Mr. Vandi Chidi Minah is a professional legal practitioner who has acquired a wealth of work experience in the United States and the United Kingdom. He has also served the United Nations' Missions as Legal Officer and Adviser in New York, East Timor, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Sierra Leone. He yielded to the call of the President to serve his country as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, (2008 – 2010) and as Minister of Transport and Aviation. (2010 -2012)

Mr. Minah assured the Committee that he would be going to New York to serve the best interest of his nation and its people. " If given the required blessing of approval by Parliament," he said, " I promise to work with devotion and dedication, as I have always done, to actualize the Foreign policy objectives of this nation."

ii. Ms. Fatmata Bintu Alhadi – Proposed Member corporate Affairs Commission representing the Chamber of commerce

Ms. Fatmata Bintu Alhadi is a Barrister-at-law. In 2004 – 2006, she was in private legal practice. 2007 to 2009, she served as prosecutor (on contract) at the Law Officers Department before joining the Guaranty Trust Bank (SL) Limited as Manager of the Legal Department. She rose through the ranks and is today the Assistant General Manager and Group Head of Legal, Human Resources and Corporate Affairs Departments of the bank.

Ms. Fatmata Bintu Alhadi promised to work to the best of her ability to ensure that the interest of the nation is placed above all other considerations. "I have ideas but I want to be humble in tapping on other ideas. I have strong commitment in promoting the common good and I will draw on my experience for the success of the Corporate Affairs Commission," she said.

iii. Ms. Augusta Bockarie – Proposed Electoral Commissioner (Southern Region)

Ms. Augusta Bockarie is an employee of the National Electoral Commission. (NEC) Joining the Commission in 2005, she rose through the ranks to her current position of Chief of Gender and Disability – Department of Human Resources.

Augusta viewed her appointment as a call to national duty. She assured the Committee that she would work to the best of her ability, without fear or favour but with justice to all.

4. RECOMMENDATION

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

- i. Mr. Vandy C. Minah – Ambassador Extraordinary Plenipotentiary/
Permanent Representative to the United Nations
- ii. Ms. Augusta Bockarie - Electoral Commission, (Southern Region)
- iii. Ms. Fatmata Bintu Alhadi – Member, Corporate Affairs Commission

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

Hon. S. B. B. Dumbuya
Chairman

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

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIRST SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE
ROOM NO.1 PARLIAMENT BUILDING ON THURSDAY
11TH JULY 2013 AT 1:00 P. M.**

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

2. **Attendance**

2.1 All Members of the Committee were present.

2.2 The following Members of the Committee were present.

1. Hon. S. B. B. Dumbuya
2. Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah
3. Hon. Ibrahim Bundu
4. Hon. Bliss Osho-Williams
5. Hon. Augustine B. Torto
6. Hon. Amadu Kanu
7. Hon. Alhaji Ansumana Jaia Kaikai
8. Benneh Bangura
9. Hon. E. K. Koedoyoma
10. Hon. Veronica Sesay

2.2 The following Members were absent:

11. Hon. Mabinty Funna
12. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
13. Hon. Mohamed S. Tunis
14. Hon. Brimah Conteh
15. Hon. Claude D. M. Kamanda
16. Hon. P. C. V.B.S. Kebbie

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

4. Consideration of Presidential nomination for appointments as listed:

4.1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

- i. Mr. Vandy C. Minah –Proposed Ambassador Extraordinary Plenipotentiary/
Permanent Representative to the United Nations
- ii. Ms. Augusta Bockarie - Proposed Electoral Commission,
(Southern Region)
- iii. Ms. Fatmata Bintu Alhadi – Proposed Member, Corporate Affairs
Commission

5. Closed Session

5.1 The Committee unanimously accepted the nomination of all the three candidates interviewed.

The Committee rose at 2:45 p.m.