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

**FIRST 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 19th December 2012 and interviewed one Presidential nominee for appointments as:

- i. Minister of Finance and Economic Development

2. PROCEDURE

The Committee maintained strict consistency to its established procedure. Probing questions put to the nominee pertained to his educational background, track record in public office, declared assets, tax obligations and his vision for a successful tenure of office. Allegations of malpractices in public office and unsuitability in terms of character to hold a ministerial appointment were very closely scrutinized.

**3. FIRST SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON WEDNESDAY 29TH
DECEMBER 2012**

3:1 The following nominee was interviewed:

- i. Mr. Kaifala Marrah - Proposed Minister of Finance & Economic Development

3.1 Dr. Kaifala Marrah – Proposed Minister of Finance and Economic Development

Dr. Marrah is an eminent professional in financial governance and public sector reforms with eighteen years of work experience at both the national and international levels. At the international tier, Dr. Marrah has served as Budget Analyst at the New York State Senate, during which he was appointed as



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Graduate Fellow at the Centre for International Development to work on budget improvement in Mexico, Latin America and Parliamentary Reforms in Kenya. He attained international prominence in financial governance and economic development at the Commonwealth Secretariat, where he worked as Senior Advisor on Public Expenditure Management for Developing Countries. Dr. Marah became renowned for developing the 'Guidelines for Public Financial Management and Country Self-Assessment Toolkit on Public Financial Management for Commonwealth Finance Ministers and Heads of Governments.

In his capacity as 'Chief of Staff' in the Office of the President, Dr. Marrah work involved advising the President on policies, technical research and performances of MDAs, providing oversight for the 'Strategy and Policy Unit (SPU)', the Extractive Industries, Transparency Initiative (EITI), the Free Health Care Initiatives and coordinated development partners' issues on the economy, reforms and diplomatic relations.

Responding to inquiring questions, Dr. Marah said, "I consider myself as a Sierra Leonean, to serve in the name of God and the people of this country, and most importantly, to deliver on the aspirations of His Excellency the President for the people of Sierra Leone as enshrined in the Agenda for Prosperity. He promised to draw on his humble experiences within the Commonwealth and elsewhere, adding that, "I do hope to bring learned values to this honourable job to deliver for and on behalf of the people of this country."

Reacting to question on his vision for the Ministry of Finance, he said that his vision was to mobilise the required resources, strengthen financial discipline and enhance the oversight role of Parliament, particularly the functions of the 'Finance Committee and the Public Accounts Committee.' "I do strongly believe that in the absence of strong oversight, the economy would not perform as expected. I would draw from my humble experience, that no one can know it all, do it all or do it alone. I would have to rely on this honourable House and other relevant institutions to ensure that we strengthen the economy, bring down inflation and ensure that the GDP grows for the success of the President's Agenda for Change."



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3. SECOND SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2012

3:1 The following nominee was interviewed:

i. Dr. Samura M. W. Kamara – Proposed Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation

Dr. Samura Kamara is a professional Economist of no mean standing both nationally and internationally, and has a wealth of experience, expertise and leadership in macroeconomics, financial policies formulation and implementation, development financing, government budgeting and public financial management.

Internationally, he has had a working experience and relationship with the Commonwealth and many bilateral and multilateral development agencies including the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank, Africa Development Bank (ADB), European Commission, and the Department for International Development (DFID-UK). Dr. Kamara is renowned for designing and implementing macroeconomic and structural adjustment programmes; Aid administration, fiscal and balance of payment policies in developing countries with proven ability to facilitate cooperation and partnership.

Nationally, he has held many senior Government positions including but not limited to: Senior Macroeconomic Policy Adviser, Financial Secretary, Secretary of State for Finance and Minister of Finance and Economic Development in the Ministry of Finance; Deputy Director of Research, Executive Assistant to Bank Governor and Bank Governor in the Central Bank of Sierra Leone.

Reacting to probing questions from the Committee, Dr. Kamara reiterated that he has served his country, with devotion and dedication, in various senior executive positions including but not limited to Financial Secretary, Minister of Finance, Governor of the Central Bank of Sierra Leone. " If given the required blessing of approval by Parliament," he said, " I promise to draw on my experience and to work to the best of my ability, as I have always done, for the success of the Foreign policy objectives of this nation."



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4. RECOMMENDATIONS

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. **Dr. Kaifala Marah - Minister of Finance & Economic Development**
- ii. Dr. Samura M. W. Kamara – Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the First Report reflects the unanimous view of the Committee. I therefore move that the First 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

Date.....



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**MINUTES OF THE FIRST SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE
ROOM NO.1 PARLIAMENT BUILDING ON WEDNESDAY
19TH DECEMBER 2012 AT 11:00 A. M.**

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

2. **Attendance**

2.1 All Members of the Committee were present.

1. Hon. S. B. B. Dumbuya
2. Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah
3. Hon. Ibrahim Bundu
4. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
5. Hon. Alhaji Ansumana Jaia Kaikai
6. Hon. Augustine B. Torto
7. Hon. Mabinty Fornah
8. Hon. Amadu Kanu
9. Hon. Bliss Osho-Williams
10. Hon. Dr. Matthew Teambo
11. Hon. Benneh Bangura
12. Hon. Alimamy Kamara
13. Hon. E. K. Koedoyoma
14. Hon. Alice Foyah
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3. PUBLIC HEARING - Hearing was open to the public and the press.

4. Consideration of Presidential nomination for ministerial appointment as listed:

4:1 The following nominee was summoned for interview:

- i. Dr. Kalfala Marah - Proposed Minister of Finance & Economic Development
- ii. Dr. Samura M. W. Kamara – Proposed Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation

5. Closed Session

5.1 The Committee unanimously accepted the nomination of Dr. Kalfala Marah, proposed Minister of Finance & Economic Development

5.2 Hearings for Dr. Samura M. W. Kamara, proposed Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation, was put on hold pending some clarifications.

The Committee rose at 1:00 p.m.

Peter J. Kulagbanda

Director of Committees

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**ROOM NO.1 PARLIAMENT BUILDING ON THURSDAY
20TH DECEMBER 2012 AT 9:00 A. M.**

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

2. **Attendance**

2.2 All Members of the Committee were present.

1. Hon. S. B. B. Dumbuya
2. Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah
3. Hon. Ibrahim Bundu
4. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
5. Hon. Alhaji Ansumana Jaia Kaikai
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- ii. Dr. Samura M. W. Kamara – Proposed Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation

5. Closed Session

5.1 The Committee unanimously accepted the nomination of Dr. Samura M. W. Kamara, proposed Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation,

The Committee rose at 11:00 a.m.

Peter J. Kulagbanda

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