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

**SIXTH 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 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013 and interviewed two Presidential nominees for appointment to the following positions:

- i. **Commissioner-General, National Revenue Authority (NRA)**
- ii. **Director, Financial Intelligence Unit**

**2. PROCEDURE**

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

**3. ELEVENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY 2013**

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed:

- i. **Haja Isata Kallah-Kamara - Proposed Commissioner-  
General, National Revenue  
Authority (NRA)**

Haja Isata Kallah-Kamara has a strong professional background in economics, accounting and finance. She also has proven work experience in financial management, strategic planning, budget management and corporate governance in several institutions at home and abroad.

Responding to probing questions as to why she should be confirmed as Commissioner-General of the National Revenue Authority, (NRA) Haja Isata Kallah-Kamara said that there was certainly no reason why she could not be confirmed. She submitted that she has worked as Acting Commissioner-General for three years and had proved her capability to do the job. "In 2006," she said, "the total revenue collected by NRA was about five hundred billion leones. Since I assumed leadership of NRA in 2009, there has been a steady increase in revenue collection from seven hundred billion leones in 2009, to 1.4 trillion leones in 2011 and 1.8 trillion leones in 2012."

Reacting to questions as to how she intended to minimize leakages, Haja Kallah-Kamara said that there were indeed some leakages in NRA but emphasized that with the cooperation of the Board and staff, strenuous efforts would be made to minimize those leakages. She assured the Committee that she had plans to move NRA to a level that would be the admiration of all. "Integrity committees and internal administrative mechanisms have been put in place to accomplish that and to ensure that we do not only maximize revenue collection but we also facilitate trade and minimize corruption. Since I became Acting Commissioner-General, I have dismissed over twenty staff at the NRA for malpractices. I may not be able to eradicate corruption at NRA but I will surely try to minimize it," she said.

**ii. Mr. Ahmed Bokarie Kamara - Proposed Director, Financial Intelligence Unit**

Mr. Ahmed Bockarie Kamara has over 20 years of proven expertise in policing and security in Sierra Leone and the United Kingdom and has served in the following security outfits among others:

2010 – 2012: Security Specialist, Vision Security Group, UK

2002 – 2010: Command Centre Operator, the Corps of Commissioners, UK

1999 – 2002: Security Officer, Ircheck Security Services, UK

1988 – 1995: Held Senior Positions in the Sierra Leone Police Force, including Chief Police Officer and Commandant Police Training School.

Responding to probing questions, Mr. Kamara said that he had left the Sierra Leone Police Force because the 'Armed Forces Revolutionary Council' (AFRC) coup had occurred (1997) while he was away in the United Kingdom on 'Advanced Commandant Training,' and it was unsafe for him to return home. "I did not resign from the police force. I was struck off for not returning." Reacting to further questions, Mr. Kamara said that he did not consider his nomination as a political compensation from the government. "On the contrary, I consider my nomination as a call to national duty." He

promised to draw on his work experience to enhance proper service delivery in his new appointment.

#### **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. Haja Isata Kallah Kamara – Commissioner-General, National Revenue Authority (NRA)
- ii. Mr. Ahmed Bockarie Kamara – Director, Financial Intelligence Unit

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Sixth Report portrays the collective view of the Committee. I therefore move that the Sixth 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  
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**MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE  
ROOM NO.1 PARLIAMENT BUILDING ON TUESDAY  
19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2013 AT 3:00 P. 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
15. Hon. Brimah Conteh
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 ministerial appointment as listed:**

4:1The following nominee were interviewed on oath:

- i. Haja Isata Kallah Kamara – Proposed Commissioner-General,  
National Revenue Authority (NRA)
- ii. Mr. Ahmed Bockarie Kamara – Director, Financial Intelligence Unit

**5. Closed Session**

5.1 The Committee unanimously accepted the nomination of the two candidates interviewed.

The Committee rose at 4: 30 p.m.