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BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT THIS HONOURABLE HOUSE HEREBY RATIFIES THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT WHICH WAS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE ON THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021:  
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**THIRD SESSION – SECOND MEETING  
OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT  
OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC**

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**MONDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2021.**

**I. PRAYERS**

*[The Table Clerk, Ishmaila Kabba, Read the Prayers]*

*[The House met at 12:00p.m. in Parliament Building, Tower Hill, Freetown]*

*[The Speaker, Hon. Dr Abass Chernor Bundu, in the Chair]*

The House was called to Order

*Suspension of S.Os. 5[2]*

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

**THE SPEAKER:** Good morning, Honourable Members. I welcome all of you to today's sitting.

**HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA [*Leader of Government Business*]:** Mr Speaker, I rise to amend the Order Paper to read items II, III and IV remain the same. I would want Government Motion to be deferred to another date because the ministers are new in their offices. In other words, they are not properly seated. For the Bill, we have just received the report from Legislative Committee this morning and it has not yet been distributed to Members. Therefore, it is also going to be deferred. I am sure we only have to deal with the other items on the Order Paper. I therefore move that the Order Paper be amended by expunging items V and VI from the Order Paper.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Leader of Government Business, I did not quite follow. What are you expunging from the Order Paper?

**HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA:** Mr Speaker, I proposed that item V be expunged from the Order Paper.

**THE SPEAKER:** So, that has to do with the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

**HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA:** Yes, Mr Speaker and item VI, which has to do with the Bill.

**THE SPEAKER:** Okay, Honourable Member.

**HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA:** I gave reasons for the deferment of these two items.

**THE SPEAKER:** It's okay, Honourable Member.

**HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA:** Thank you Mr Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** Any seconder to that Motion?

**HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE:** Mr Speaker, I so second.

*[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed To]*

*[The Order Paper has been accordingly amended]*

## **II. RECORD OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY SITTING HELD ON THURSDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2021**

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, we go through the record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting held on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2021. As usual, we shall skip pages 1 through to 4 and start with Page 5. Page 5? Page 6? Page 7? Page 8?

**HON. DR MARK M. KALOKOH:** Mr Speaker, Page 7.

**THE SPEAKER:** What is your amendment, Honourable Member?

**HON. DR MARK M. KALOKOH:** Mr Speaker, item 8 on Page 7 and beneath the Table Clerk's pronouncement of the Minister of Information and Communications. I do not think it should be the Minister of Information and Communications because the issue was dealt with by the Ministry of Trade and Industry. Therefore, it should be the Minister of Trade and Industry. Mr Speaker, the Votes and Proceedings mentioned by the Clerks are too brief. The Votes should be an abridged version of what transpired in the Well.

**THE SPEAKER:** What you are trying to say, Honourable Member?

**HON. DR MARK M. KALOKOH:** Mr Speaker, if you look at item 8, the issue under consideration was dealt with by the Minister of Trade and Industry, but the clerks stated that it was the Minister of Information and Communications. I am trying to say that it was the Minister of Trade and Industry that presented the matter and not the Minister of Information and Communications.

**THE SPEAKER:** Are you referring to the Motion for ratification?

**HON. DR MARK M. KALOKOH:** Yes, Mr Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** I am sure that Motion was moved by the Minister of Trade and Industry and not the Minister of Information and Communications.

**HON. DR MARK M. KALOKOH:** Yes, Mr Speaker. The second issue is that though the Votes and Proceedings should be in a summarised form, but they are too brief and they need to be more elaborate, so that we can understand better.

**THE SPEAKER:** How brief do you want them to be, Honourable Member?

**HON. DR MARK M. KALOKOH:** Mr Speaker, if you look at the Votes and Proceedings, only few speakers were mentioned and that should not be the case at all. I am saying this because issues may come up wherein we would not want to look at the Hansard. So, I recommend that at least a summary of what Members say in the Well is indicated in the Votes and Proceedings.

**THE SPEAKER:** So, you are saying excessively brief?

**HON. DR MARK M. KALOKOH:** They are excessively brief, Mr Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** There should be more information.

**HON. DR MAHMOUD M. KALOKOH:** Yes, Mr Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Member, your two points are well taken and the amendment would be effected accordingly. The Motion was moved by the Minister of Trade and Industry and not the Minister of Information and Communications. So, the clerks should take note of that amendment. Let us move to Page 8. If there is no further comment or correction, can someone move for the adoption of the record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting, held on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 as amended?

**HON. ISHMAIL S. SANDY:** Mr Speaker, I so move.

**THE SPEAKER:** Any seconder?

**HON. JOSEPH WILLIAMS-LAMIN:** Mr Speaker, I second the Motion.

*[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed To]*

*[Record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting, held on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 has been adopted as amended]*



### **III. ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR SPEAKER**

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, the announcement I have is of a mixed nature; some good, some not so good. The good news is that the State Opening of Parliament will take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2021. The not so good news is that we are still not quite certain as to the venue for the State Opening. It is our fervent wish that considering the ambiance that is usually associated with the State Opening, that event will take place in its usual place; i.e., in the Chamber of Parliament. However, you are all aware that Parliament building is still like a works yard, but after we rise today, I would like to invite the leadership of the respective parties represented here to join me take a tour. I want to see what progress has been made, so that we will be able to anticipate what the situation might look like on that day for us to be able to inform the rest of the membership at our next sitting, which is likely to take place tomorrow. I do not feel myself very sanguine about the rate of progress and I would definitely hesitate to pronounce myself definitively on that. So, I would implore the leaders of the various parties to join me to do a conducted tour of our building, so as to see what progress has been made. We want to be able to make a forecast as to what is likely to happen by the 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, the day prior to the appointed date. That is the announcement I have thus far. I need to also consult my principal adviser very well then.

### **IV. PAPERS LAID**

[A] THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

**DR PATRICIA N. LAVERLEY [DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE]:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, with your leave; I beg to lay on the Table of this Honourable House the following papers:

- Amendment to the Financing Agreement between the International Fund for Agricultural Developments and the Republic of Sierra Leone in respect of the Agricultural Value Chain Development Project;

- letter of Agreement on the transition support facility on enhancing efficiency and sustainability of artisanal and small scale mining through climate smart actions between the Republic of Sierra Leone and the African Development Fund;
- supplemental Agreement to the Loan Agreement between the Government of Sierra Leone and the Islamic Development Bank concerning the construction of Pendembu Kailahun Road Project in the amount of \$10mln;
- financing Agreement on the Freetown WASH and aquatic environment revamping project between the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Islamic Development Bank comprising the following:

[i] The Agency Agreement is an Instalment Financing Agreement between the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Islamic Development Bank for the Freetown WASH and the Aquatic Environment Revamping Project in the amount of **\$40mln**. This project relates to the financing agreement of water and sanitation facility within the Freetown metropolitan area; and

[ii] The Framework Agreement; the instalment sale financing between Sierra Leone and the Islamic Development Bank of the same project in the amount of **\$40mln**.

- The Loan Agreement for the construction of Tinkonko Mattru Jong Road Project between Gbetema and Mattru Jong and this Agreement is between Sierra Leone and the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa for **\$40mln**. I thank you.

[B] THE MINISTER OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES

**MRS ANN M. B. HARDING:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I beg to lay on the Table of this Honourable House the following Paper:

- Railway and Port Lease Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Kingho Railway and Port Company Limited. I thank you  
*[Applause]*.

**HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA:** Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. With your leave, Mr Speaker, I beg to make an amendment. I have just consulted the Leader of the

Opposition and it a complete oversight. I think they are distributing the document now. In that regard, I want to beg that I lay this document.

**THE SPEAKER:** I want to thank the two ministers for laying their papers on the Table of the House; unless you want to observe the proceedings, but you have our permission to take leave of us.

**HON. MATTHEW S. NUYMA:** Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. We now have item 'C' on the Order Paper and item 'D' relating to the Building Operate Transfer Agreement for the Construction, Financing and Concession of Freetown International Airport, the State of the Republic of Sierra Leone and Zuma Airport Sierra Leone. Thank you.

**THE SPEAKER:** Do we have that, Honourable Member?

**HON. MATTHEW S. NUYMA:** No, I am making the amendment to be laid by Leader of Government Business. So, you put the Motion and I will proceed to lay the Paper.

**THE SPEAKER:** Any seconder to the amendment made by the Leader of Government Business?

**HON. CHERNOR R. M. BAH [*Leader of the Opposition*]:** Mr Speaker, I so second.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, before I put the question, may I take this opportunity to invite the Leader of Government Business and the Leader of the Opposition to my Chambers immediately sitting is adjourned.

**HON. MATTHEW S. NUYMA:** Okay, Mr Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** The fact that the Leader of the Government Business is moving and the Leader of the Opposition is seconding the Motion speaks volumes and I was not aware of this Agreement.

**HON. MATTHEW S. NUYMA:** Mr Speaker, I have moved the Motion and was seconded by the Leader of the Opposition. We are now expecting you to put the question, so that we can vote.

**THE SPEAKER:** Are you compelling me to do that, Honourable Member?

**HON. MATTHEW S. NUYMA:** I am not compelling you, Mr Speaker, but I just want to proceed. We have urgent matter to address that has to do with the welfare of Members of this House *[Applause]*. I have asked permission that was granted by Honourable Daniel B. Koroma for him not to move the Motion. We agreed on the amendment of the Order Paper and we address the urgent matter we have at hand. You will agree with me that the welfare of our Members of Parliament is very paramount *[Applause]*.

**THE SPEAKER:** You are using that to cajole me?

**HON. MATTHEW S. NUYMA:** Mr Speaker, Bob Marley once said, "Who he feels it, knows it." The temperature is mounting and we need to have a cooling system. I would want to plead with you to discuss the matter at hand.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Member, under what S.Os. are you acting?

**HON. MATTHEW S. NUYMA:** Well, I have not been acting on an S.Os. at that moment. We have given the authority to Honourable Daniel B. Koroma. In fact, we do not need any S.Os. to talk about our welfare. Mr Speaker, when that time comes, we will start with S.Os. 79 and that will tell you that we are up to the task. It has to be purely about Members of Parliament because it is a serious business. Mr Speaker, as I speak, I am very uncomfortable because we have not discussed that item on the Order Paper. Let us forge ahead, Mr Speaker *[Applause]*.

**THE SPEAKER:** We shall proceed once the question of welfare has been mentioned.

**HON. MATTHEW S. NUYMA:** Thank you, Mr Speaker *[Applause]*.

**THE SPEAKER:** This is because that is the matter that cannot be toyed with and I am sure the Honourable Member from Falaba will definitely agree with me.

*[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed To]*

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Leader of Government Business, please lay your Paper.

Laying of Papers by the Leader of Government Business.

I think you should announce that now not me. We are waiting on the Clerk to do the announcement Sir *[Undertone]* item C. I have done the amendment; you should take

note of that. Table Clerks, where you paying attention? Mr Speaker, I will read it again. Mr Speaker, with your leave [*Undertone*] they were not taking note, for the benefit of the records let me go over it so that they can take note of it, are you ready? Item C amendment D relating to the building operates transfer agreement for the construction, financing and concession of Freetown International Airport, the State of the Republic of Sierra Leone and Zuma Airport Sierra Leone Limited.

## **PAPER LAID**

THE LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

**HON. MATTHEW S. NUYMA:** Mr Speaker, I beg to lay on the Table of this Honourable House amendment 'D' relating to the Building Operate Transfer Agreement for the Construction, Financing and Concession of the Freetown International Airport, the State of the Republic of Sierra Leone and Zuma Airport Sierra Leone Limited [*Applause*].

**THE SPEAKER:** I am just curious, are there any other amendment coming from the Leader of Government Business?

**HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA:** Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, before I stand on the relevant S.Os. I first of all want to invoke S.Os. 79, so that the strangers take leave of us. In other words, the strangers should give us time by taking leave of us before I stand on the relevant S.Os.

**THE SPEAKER:** Any seconder?

**HON. MOHAMED B. SHAW:** Mr Speaker, I so second.

*[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed To]*

**THE SPEAKER:** All strangers please withdraw from the Chamber of Parliament. Honourable Members, let me draw your attention to the S.Os. 1. This particular provision clearly defines who a stranger is. It reads: "**Stranger means a person other than the President, the Vice President, the Speaker, a Member or an**

**Officer of the House.”** In this particular instance, the only officer we allow is the Clerk of Parliament *[Applause]*.

***ADJOURNMENT***

*[The House rose at 11:15 and was adjourned to Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.]*