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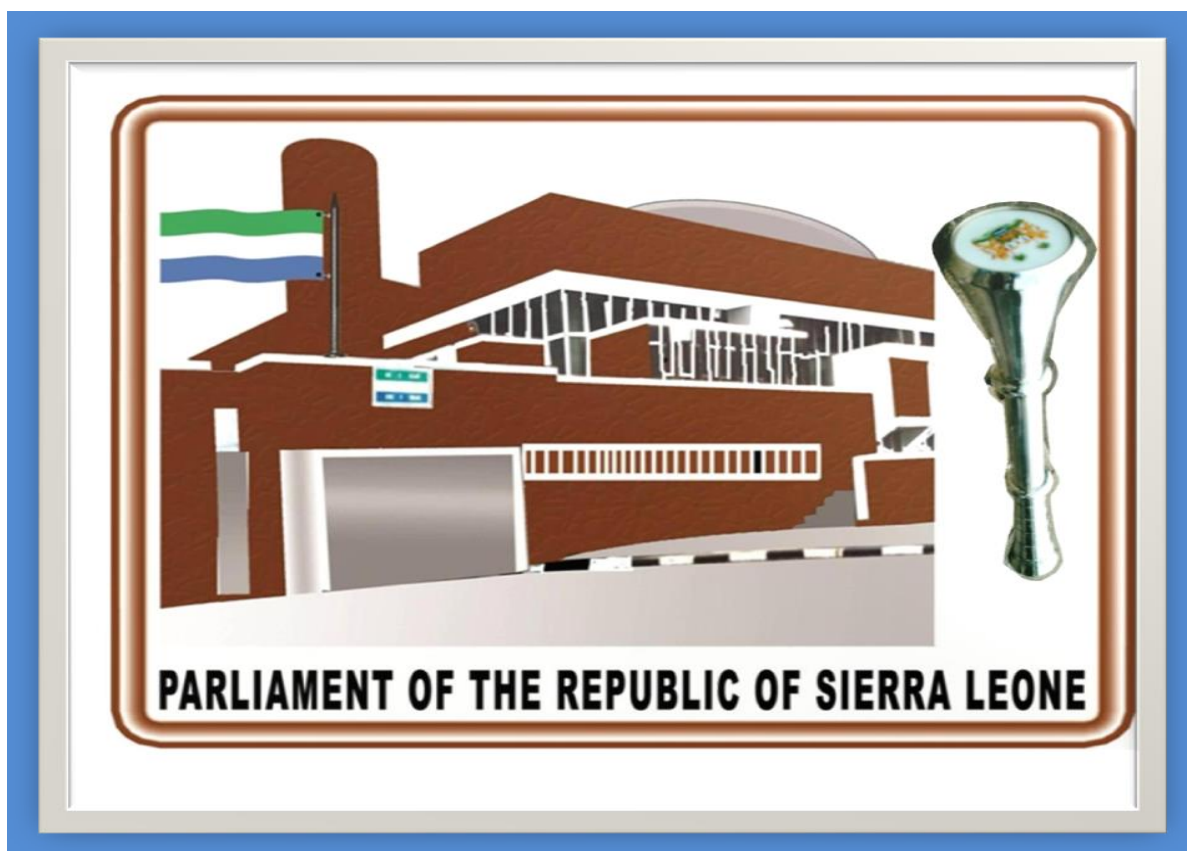
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[A] THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT THIS HONOURABLE HOUSE HEREBY RATIFIES THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS WHICH
WERE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE ON THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY 2024:

[i] COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN THE FIELD OF VOCATION TRAINING BETWEEN THE OFFICE
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FIRST SESSION – FIRST MEETING OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC

TUESDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 2024.

I. PRAYERS

[The Table Clerk, Bintu Winston, Read the Prayers]

[The House met at 10:15 a.m. in Parliament Building, Tower Hill, Freetown]

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

The House was called to Order

Suspension of S. O. 5[2]

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I beg to amend the Order Paper as follows: Item IV, which deals with Government Motion, is removed from the Order Paper; Item No. V[ii] is also removed. So, we now have item I, Prayers; item II, Record of Votes and Proceedings; item III, Announcement by Mr Speaker; item IV, Announcement. Mr Speaker, I so move.

THE SPEAKER: Any seconder?

HON. JOSEPH WILLIAMS-LAMIN: I so second, Mr Speaker

[Question Proposed, Put & Agreed to]

[Motion to amend the Order Paper has been carried].

II. ADOPTION OF THE RECORD OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY SITTING, HELD ON TUESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY 2024.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, before we proceed with item II, we have an important issue relating to question time. I do not know whether the Leader of Government Business has received any response from the Chief Minister on this issue.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Speaker, we are yet to receive any question.

THE SPEAKER: It is not about the question at this stage.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Speaker, are you referring to the date for the Question Time?

THE SPEAKER: Yes, Honourable Member.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Speaker, I think we are independent body and we have the right to maintain collaboration. I think we have to set our question time and send it to them. We have to agree when they should be here, Mr Speaker. I talked to him and he agreed to come on Wednesdays. So, let us first organise ourselves and when we send the question, we will now agree on the time.

THE SPEAKER: So, Wednesday is not impediment to them?

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Yes, it is not impediment because we have informed them through writing that there will be Question Time. I told you the last time that February could not be convenient. In this case, we start in March. I thank you.

THE SPEAKER: I hope that addresses the concern raised by the Honourable Member from Kenema. I thought Wednesdays are days for Cabinet meetings.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Speaker, I am sure it will not happen every Wednesday. They do have Cabinet meetings, but that is enshrined in the Standing Orders. If there is Cabinet meeting, we can shift it to the other day. That is what I will tell Hon. Dickson Rogers when we start and it happens that there is a Cabinet meeting, we can simply schedule another date; but if there is no Cabinet, we can stick to the Wednesday schedule.

THE SPEAKER: Very well then.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: Secondly, he said that there are no questions, but I gave notice here for question under S.O. 19 on the issue relating to the 'Waka fine buses. I have filed that notice long ago. I have done all the necessary procedures and I want to state here that it is urgent. It is an urgent matter. If you said we will start on Wednesday of March or another day of the same month, I do not think it is fair to Sierra Leoneans. This is an urgent issue. Question Time is meant to provide an opportunity for Government to clear the air because there are lots of misconceptions. We did the same in the Fourth Parliament. At one time the late Dr Minkailu Bah, who was the Minister of Education, was given an opportunity to clear the air because there were lots of misconceptions. He came here and after his presentation, everything was laid to rest. Sometimes people should be given the opportunity to clear the air. I am sure for you to postpone the Question Time to Wednesday of March, it is unfair to the people.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Speaker, I do not appreciate my colleague for giving us notice regarding Question Time. I said the last Wednesday of every month. This is to keep within the democratic practice. We are talking about good practices and having

last Wednesday of every month is in place. Well, the benefit lies with them, whether they are going to use this as a platform to clear the air. For me, this is not for political reason, but to put Parliament on the democratic path. The Honourable Member is part of the Business Committee and he knows that there are procedures we need to follow. He is a senior colleague and I have enormous respect for him. I have not received any question as he has alleged. I am sure the Question is still with the Clerk's office. We can understand the challenges with administration, but let me assure you that we will start on next Wednesday.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to inform my colleague that the question the Honourable Member is talking about is not in my possession. I do not have it and that is why it is not on the Order Paper. If I have received it, I would have met you and possibly captured it on the Order Paper. We will love to have the Ministers here, so that we can ask the relevant questions. The issue relating to the 'Waka Fine buses' is a very good idea, but there are difficulties we have to deal with. We are all concerned about this issue. So, let me assure you that this is not about politics; it is about parliamentary best practice. We did it for the Chief Minister, when he was the Minister of Education. He came here to showcase what his Ministry was doing. 'Waka fine buses' is just a minor aspect. When a Minister is summoned under Question Time, we ask him/her relevant questions. Mr Speaker, we are going with the schedule, but because we have not received this question but we will keep to the time. Maybe we will summon the Minister of Transport here before Wednesday.

HON. MOHAMED BANGURA: I am sure substantive Ministers have deputies; and in the event the substantive Minister is not available, Deputy Minister can intervene. So, Wednesday is a perfect day.

HON. JULIAN A. FATORMA: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I am sorry for bringing the House back to Page 4. I usually sign the attendance register, but my name is always captured under absentees.

THE SPEAKER: Maybe it is the machine that does not like your finger... - *[Laughter]*.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Speaker, this issue should be treated with some amount of seriousness. We are operating under the Proportional Representation and there is a clause in our S.Os. that when a Member of Parliament is absent for 30 days, he/she vacates his/her seat.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Member, I will make sure that the machine receives your finger print next time... - *[Laughter]*.

HON. JULIAN A. FATORMA: Thank you so much, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: So, the understanding is that we keep firmly to our Wednesday timing for Question Time. Maybe after we rise, we will consult ourselves.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: We will meet and finalise this issue.

THE SPEAKER: I will inform the House whether we will sit tomorrow or not.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Speaker, the Standing Order is clear for questions to Ministers. We cannot just bring a Minister here for questioning. So, I would like my colleagues to exercise patience. Let me assure you that we can do one Question Time before the last Wednesday of the month. We have to give them the platform to perform on their good work. So, we should not use 'jack approach' on this issue. I shall come with another approach. We have to follow the procedures. When the Business Committee receives the Question, we can schedule it before the end of the month. I can assure you of that, Honourable Member.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Member, we proceed with the record of Votes and Proceedings. We shall start with Page 5. Page 6? Page 7?

HON. MUSTAPHA M. SELLU: Mr Speaker, Page 6. It says, "The Acting Majority Leader from Kenema, Honourable Bashiru Silikie presented the 13th Report." He is not from Kenema.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you, Honourable Member. If there is no other amendment or correction, can someone move for the adoption of the record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting, held on Tuesday, 20th February, 2024 as amended?

HON. JOSEPH WILLIAMS-LAMIN: I so move, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Any seconder?

HON. BINTU F. BOCKARIE: I so second, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you

[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]

[The record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting, held on Tuesday, 20th February 2024 has been adopted as amended]

III. ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR SPEAKER

THE SPEAKER: I have no substantive announcement to make, but maybe the Clerks-At-The-Table would want to an announcement.

TABLE CLERK: Appointment of Honourable Mathew S. Nyuma, Leader of the Sierra Leone Delegation to the ACP – Bureau to represent West Africa and Africa Regions
[Applause]

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, on behalf of all of us in this House, we congratulate the Leader of Government Business for that appointment.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Speaker, with your leave, I want to say something as was done for Honourable Veronica K. Sesay, when she was appointed to head the ECOFEPA. I really want to say something. Please allow me, Mr Speaker. My Deputy would also want to say something and maybe our colleagues on the other side.

THE SPEAKER: Well, I thought that was going to happen rather spontaneously. What is usual about not recognising?

HON. DICKSON M. ROGERS: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I am now recognised and I appreciate that. Mr Speaker, first of all I want to thank this House for nominating the Leader of Government Business to the ACP–EU Parliament. I would also want to extend my thanks and appreciation to all our colleagues in the ACP–EU Delegation. We have made ourselves a name in the ACP–EU Parliament. Mr Speaker, even when we were

there during the Fifth Parliament, everything was about Sierra Leone and that has continued up to the time when we went to Angola.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, when the suggestion came to have regional representation, it was between Sierra Leone and Nigeria. The Leader suggested that both countries should nominate a woman and that was done. When we went to the panel and the CO-President announced that Nigeria had not paid their dues or signed the protocol. This was how the woman lost the seat. This time the race was between Ghana and Sierra Leone, but we were vigilant to clinch the seat. We campaigned vigorously for this appointment to come to Sierra Leone; and because we supported the lady earlier, she threw her support to Sierra Leone. So, the Honourable Leader of the Delegation to the ACP–EU Parliament of Sierra Leone was unanimously elected as Member of the Bureau *[Applause]*.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I am sure it is not enough to say congratulations, but I think it is a very good successes for this country. Mr Speaker, for us to fight for regional representation and came out successful is a great achievement for Sierra Leone. I think we should give Honourable Mathew S. Nyuma another round of applause *[Applause across the aisles]*.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, we are also hoping to clinch the Co-Presidency seat in future. I am sure Sierra Leone will win the Co-Presidency next year. There is no doubt that we have a very good representation in the person of Honourable Mathew S. Nyuma. Mr Speaker, anytime Sierra Leone takes the podium in the ACP/EU and ECOWAS, they know that brains are talking. This is why we do not have to fight for us to win that position. I want to promise this House and the people of Sierra Leone that the ACP Delegation will bring more laurels to this country. I want to assure that the next Co-President of ACP-ECOWAS for the Western African Region will come to Sierra Leone and that will be in person of Honourable Mathew S. Nyuma.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to thank all of us for this opportunity. I want to thank this House for giving him the necessary support and for accepting his nomination as Leader of the ACP-EU Parliament. I also want to extend our gratitude to

the Speaker for giving us the support. I also want to thank the Clerk of Parliament for supporting our delegation. I thank you very much *[Applause]*.

HON. ABDUL KARGBO: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, please permit me to extend, on behalf of the Opposition Bench, our warmest congratulations to the Honourable Mathew S. Nyuma. Most times people tend to underestimate the powers of the Bureau. This could be attributed to the lack of knowledge of the responsibilities and functions of the Bureau, but the Bureau is extremely significant. Mr Speaker, permit me to go through few responsibilities of the Bureau. First, the Bureau shall be responsible for the coordination of all the works of the Assembly. The Bureau may designate some of its Members as Vice President in charge of specific matters in accordance with the principles of pairing between the Members of Parliament of the ACP States and the Members of the European Parliament. The Bureau shall meet on the initiative of the Co-President at least four times a year. Two of the meetings shall take place in the days preceding the sessions of the Assembly. The Bureau shall submit to the Assembly the proposed agenda for debate. It shall be responsible for ensuring that as far as possible, half of it on the agenda concerns the matter of common interest. It may propose the limitation of speaking times for debate.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Bureau is like the Cabinet; it takes critical decisions. Therefore, for Sierra Leone to be represented in the Bureau, I think it is a blessing to us as a nation; and by any estimation, to other delegates from other Member States. Those member states would not have imposed confidence in the Leadership of the Honourable Mathew S. Nyuma if he had not proved his mettle when he had the opportunity to do so in the ACP-EU Parliament. So, I want to thank him for lifting the Sierra Leone flag at the international stage. I want to also remind him that he has a responsibility to make Sierra Leone great. What he will do there will expose more Members of this country to the confidence of international Parliament and International stage. So, I want to congratulate him and I want to assure him of the fullest support of Members of the Opposition in his delegation. I pray that God blesses him in his new responsibility *[Applause]*.

HON. NENNEH LEBBIE: Mr Speaker, please allow me to say something on behalf of the women *[Applause]*. This is somebody that has done so much for us. He cannot receive an accolade like this without hearing from us, as colleagues of this great Parliament. Honourable Mathew S. Nyuma has always demonstrated love for women in this Parliament *[Applause]*. This is because where ever we invite him, he is always there and he always makes us proud. I am sure receiving such accolade outside Sierra Leone is a blessing for this Parliament and the country as a whole. I want to add my voice, on behalf of all the women in this Parliament and even out there, to congratulate him. God will continue to elevate him now and always. We pray that when you go there, if you have a woman in your delegation; let the woman thinks about the Sierra Leone women. The woman will carry our voices to the international stage. So, I want to congratulate you once more; we are proud of you; we love you; you are everything to us; you are the architect of a very important document that this country is now proud of. So, you cannot go without allowing us to congratulate you. Congratulations and God bless you. Thank you so much *[Applause]*.

THE SPEAKER: I thank both the Leader of the Opposition and the President of the Female Caucus for extending warm congratulations to the Leader of Government Business for this elevation. As the elders say, 'self-praise,' but in this case, I will permit a little self-indulgence on his part, maybe he will like to make a brief statement to the sentiments just expressed.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I am glad for the sentiments expressed by my colleagues. First, we do not have what is called political representation in the ACP-EU; but representation of Sierra Leone. So, we do not recognise what we are talking about APC time or SLPP time. We are representing Sierra Leone adequately. It is not how small a country is, [by the geographical location on the globe], but how best you can perform as an individual representing your country. So, we have done that vertically making out decisions very clear in the ACP–EU Parliament. Sierra Leone is very active during the plenary sessions and socially we are also active.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to say thanks to my delegation. At first, it was my Deputy who told me that he would give me the position because of the problems in Guinea. He said this is the time for Sierra Leone. When we met as Committee, I told them that there are more Members from Francophone countries than the Anglophone countries. So, we had to ballot, but they refused. I however stood my grounds and a colleague from Gambia prepared the ballot paper and threw it on the table. A friend from Mali took one of the ballot papers and threw them away. I took the other one and I saw the pin of the Anglophone. He wanted to accept, but I said no. I said you have been very ungodly and un-parliamentary. He did not show any sign of respect for us. I said he should apologise to all of us; and indeed Mr Speaker, he did apologise to us. I said an Anglophone will take the position of the Bureau. A Malian colleague was very clear about it because he wanted Sierra Leone to be the Co-President. With humility, we accepted. In the representation of the Bureau, you have to present a woman. I have enormous respect for women. This is not hypocrisy, but it is reality. Biblically that is why I respect women.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I made it very clear that this position should be given to Sierra Leone and she accepted. We went into a Caucus meeting and the same gender issue came up, I said that I usually fight for the women and she can have it *[Applause]*. So, we went to the Chamber and waited for the lady to be announced. Mr Speaker, everybody was looking at me again. They thought Sierra Leone was going to nominate me. I presented the case for Nigeria and they accepted. However, somebody from the Secretariat stood up and told us that Nigeria should not be part of this Bureau because she wanted Sierra Leone to be there. She sent a message to me that Sierra Leone should be part of the Bureau. The Ghanaians came and said that was their time to lead. I said how long have you been in your Assembly? They said since 2019 and I told them that I had been there since 2007. Mr Speaker, it is good to fight for the women *[Applause]*. I am sure women are backbone for everything, even in politics.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, lady came and she was very emphatic about what she was going to say. When they approached her, she said she would support Sierra

Leone. She made her position very clear about Sierra Leone. She threw her support to Sierra Leone and the other Member from Gambia expressed the same sentiment. There was also another Member from Guinea Bissau who expressed the same sentiment. So, all of them were waited for Sierra Leone to come up. When I was announced as the person that would represent the Bureau, they were all happy to see me in the Bureau because of her representation. Therefore, let me assure my colleagues in this House that our similarities far outweigh our differences. We live as Sierra Leoneans. We have several ways of addressing our political differences, but what brings us together is more paramount than any other thing.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, When we go out of this country, you have to showcase Sierra Leone. They will not ask you if you are SLPP or APC. The tag they always put on my table has Sierra Leone boldly written. They do not call me by name; they address me Sierra Leone. If you go to our assembly, everybody talks about Sierra Leone. Let us make our country a comfortable place to live in and we have to be proud of Sierra Leone. I want to thank everybody for giving us the space to represent this country. I also want to thank my colleague on the other side. Mr Speaker, while other delegations usually displayed political differences, we are always displaying unity in the faces of our political differences. So, they have seen us as a united team. Mr Speaker, even those from the Caribbean and Pacific, enjoyed our unity.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, what I have done as Leader of my delegation is that, I always give chance to my colleagues to speak. Again, I asked a lady to preside over immediately after my presentation. I told her that we have a female in our delegation and she is Bilingual. When the Women's Forum commenced, she took the podium and she spoke so fluently. During the Young MPs Forum, we have Honourable Aaron A. Koroma who represented us perfectly. Therefore, we are always represented during debates. We give the platform to other colleagues to debate, even Honourable Emerson Lamina at the ECOWAS Parliament, is doing great. It has been our norm for those attending the Assembly to be making presentation for the good of this country. So, I want to thank you very much for the sentiments you have expressed so far. I

want to tell you that we will never disappoint you; we will continue to showcase the values of Sierra Leone to the rest of the World. Thank you very much *[Applause]*.

THE SPEAKER: On behalf of the entire House once again, we convey our warmest congratulations to the Leader of Government Business for this elevation and of course we recognise Honourable Aaron A. Koroma who is representing the youth. I always define youth as a function of performance, not chronology; and by that definition, he is a youth.

HON. DICKSON M. ROGERS: Mr Speaker, by your definition, can we say that you are a youth?

THE SPEAKER: Of course, I am. Do you have any doubt about that?

HON. ABDUL KARGBO: No doubt, Mr Speaker. Have you ever assessed the performance of Mr Speaker?

HON. DICKSON M. ROGERS: We only accepted that because of his performance. He is a youth. So, we take it that he is a youth.

THE SPEAKER: I hope we will conclude this issue and allow the table clerks to make announcement.

HON. DICKSON M. ROGERS: Mr Speaker, before the announcement, once the Order Paper is being amended, if you have anything to amend before the sitting, you can discuss it with the Leader of Government Business. This particular Order Paper has been amended. I thank you.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Speaker, for the purpose of clarity, I have amended the Order Paper.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you, Honourable Member.

HON. ABDUL K. BANGURA: Mr Speaker, I stand on S.O. 23. On behalf of the people of Karen District and Tambaka to be specific, I want to appreciate the Ambassador of America for his visit to Tambaka. Tambaka hosts one of the largest forest reserves in this country. This is the sacrifice the people of Tambaka have made to this country for

over three decades ago, but we are yet, as a people of Tambaka, to benefit anything. Mr Speaker, quite recently, the rangers who were assigned to protect the forest are now the greatest destroyer of the forest. They made a raid two days ago on an illegal mining site, which has resulted in the death of two people. As we speak, the last corpse has just been discovered and it is yet to be buried. So, with your permission, I really want you to constitute a Committee to investigate this issue. I am sure the real ownership of that reserve should be determined. As we speak, there is no proper compensation for the people of Tambaka. People are suffering from the hands of the rangers. With your approval, I want this House to constitute a Committee that will clearly delineate the boundary. The Committee should also investigate the deaths of the two people. I thank you *[Applause]*.

THE SPEAKER: I thank the Honourable Member for bringing this important matter to the attention of the House. Honourable Members, following the consultation I have had with the two Leaders, I would advise the Honourable Member from Karena District to please make a presentation of it in writing, backed by available evidence for the attention of three Committees; i.e., the Mines Committee, Lands Committee and Agriculture Committee. I am sure once that is done, we will refer the matter for examination by those three Committees, so that they will look at the issue and report back to the House. So, the onus is on you to do that in writing. I do not know whether you understood what I have said.

HON. ABDUL K. BANGURA: Quite understood, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Please address it to the three Committees in written form. This will ensure that proper action is taken, especially when lives have been lost.

HON. DICKSON M. ROGERS: Mr Speaker, that is a very wise advice, but I also want to add something. I am sure lives were involved and the matter could have been reported to the police. We can ask the police to speed up the investigation process. I am sure there should be no parallel investigations. If the police is investigating a

murder case, Parliament should allow the police to conclude the investigation. I like the advice you gave, but the matter is with the police.

THE SPEAKER: No, Honourable Member, investigation should be wider than just the lives that have been lost. The police will be focusing on that, but he has raised a very wider question.

HON. DICKSON M. ROGERS: Mr Speaker, we are saying the same thing. The problem is different because we are not even sure if lives were lost. So, it is only the police report that will say otherwise.

THE SPEAKER: That was what he said.

HON. DICKSON M. ROGERS: Mr Speaker, I said we are not sure. I think we have to inform the police that lives were lost. Also, the allegation is against the rangers and we also have to confirm if they were the ones that did the killing.

THE SPEAKER: This is why we are asking these three Committees to meet with him after receiving his written report, so that they will delve into the matter further for the attention of the House.

HON. MOHAMED BANGURA: Mr Speaker, based on the importance of this matter, we have now decided as a Caucus to take it on. We are going to meet, as a Caucus, to make submission.

THE SPEAKER: What Caucus are you referring to?

HON. MOHAMED BANGURA: Mr Speaker, the Karena Caucus *[Applause]*.

HON ABDUL KARGBO: We can also invite the Speaker to the meeting in spite of your Caucus.

HON. DICKSON M. ROGERS: Mr Speaker, we would like to know the Caucus Leader. If you are the Caucus Leader, it means the investigation will take a different dimension because you have to recruit yourself if you are the Leader.

HON. ALUSINE B. KAMARA: Mr Speaker, thank you very much. I think we should give the Honourable Member from Tambakha the opportunity to prepare the report you

have just requested from him. We promise to provide the evidence as soon as possible.
I thank you very much Mr Speaker *[Applause]*.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, I thank you very much.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Office of the Clerk of Parliament wishes to inform Honourable Members of Parliament and the general public that Parliament will convene a Stakeholders consultative meeting today at 12 noon in Committee Room 1, Parliament Building to discuss the toll gate charges. In view of this, the Ministry of Works and Public Assets, SLRA, SLRSA, CRSG, the Attorney General's Office, Motor Drivers Union, CSOs and the Media are invited to attend and on time. The Speaker of the Sierra Leone Parliament, Honourable Dr Abass Chernor Bundu will chair the Stakeholders consultative meeting. This notice was signed by Honourable Mathew S. Nyuma.

The Sierra Leone-Israel alliance is expected to meet in Committee Room No.1. immediately sitting is adjourned. signed Honourable Emerson Lamina.

Adjournment

The House rose at 11:10 a.m. and was adjourned to Thursday, 29th February, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.