

#### **AGREEMENT**

# ON ESTABLISHING JOINT COMMISSION FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN

### THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE

## AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT

The Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Government of the State of Kuwait (hereinafter referred to as the "parties"),

Desiring to promote relation of friendship and cooperation between the two countries in various fields,

Have agreed on the following:

### Article -1-

The parties shall establish a Joint Cooperation Commission hereinafter referred to as the "commission", to develop bilateral relations between the two countries. It shall be entrusted with the following tasks;

- 1- To hold consultations and to coordinate political matters of common interest.
- 2- To develop and follow up process of cooperation in the fields of economy, commerce, investment, finance and any other fields agreed by the parties.
- 3- To promote cooperation in the fields of culture, science and information.
- 4- To promote cooperation between the parties in the fields of health and social services.
- 5- To follow up the implementation of the agreements and cooperation programs concluded between the two countries.

# Article -2-

1- The Commission shall be chaired by the Foreign Ministers of the Parties or their representatives.

2- The sessions of the Commission shall be attended by ministers or senior officials representing them, and experts concerned with subjects of cooperation that the Commission undertakes to discuss.

3- The draft agenda of the session shall be determined by the host party and communicated to the other party at least two months before the session commence.

### Article -3-

The Commission shall hold its sessions once every two years in the capital of each country alternately. The parties shall agree on the date of each session through diplomatic channels.

### Article -4-

- 1- The Commission shall set up a working group which shall prepare, coordinate, and follow-up the session of the Commission. The sessions of the working group shall precede the sessions of the Commission and shall be held in the same capital.
- 2- A senior official from the Foreign Ministry of each country shall lead his / her country's delegation to the meeting of the working group. Such delegation shall include representatives from the authorities concerned with subjects to be discussed at the meetings and included in the agenda.
- 3- The working group may include among its members numbers of businessmen and members of chambers of commerce and industry of both countries, if necessary.

### Article -5-

- 1- A follow-up commission composed of experts shall be formed by both Parties. It shall hold its meetings under the chairmanship of one of the senior officials of the Foreign Ministry in the mid-term between two sessions, in the capital of the country host of the following session.
  - 2- This commission shall follow-up the implementation of its previous decisions and submits a joint report to the commission.

### Article -6-

- 1- This Agreement shall enter into force from the date of the last notification whereby one of the parties informs the other in writing through diplomatic channels that it has satisfied the constitutional procedures required for its entry into force.
- 2- This Agreement can be amended with the consent of both the parties. Amendment will be effective according to the procedures mentioned in the previous paragraph.
- 3- This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years and automatically renewed for similar period or periods, unless either parties notice the other in writing about his intention to terminate this Agreement within six months before the termination of the initial period or any extended period.

Done in Kuwait City this Sunday on 17 November 2019, in two original copies in the Arabic and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In any case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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