



GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

MINUTE PAPER

DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE

- (i) Below is Extract from Minutes of the 5th(2nd half) Meeting 2023 held on Wednesday 22nd November, 2023

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RATIFICATION OF MILITARY FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

The Deputy Minister of Defence presented a proposal for Cabinet to:

- i. approve ratification of the Military Framework Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Government of the Republic of Turkey;
- ii. authorize the Deputy Minister of Defence to liaise with the Attorney General and Minister of Justice to complete the legislative processes for ratification of the Protocol by Parliament and its operationalization.

In August 2022, the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Government of the Republic of Turkey entered into a Military Framework Cooperation agreement to provide a context for collaboration between the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces (RSLAF) and its Turkish counterparts in the following fields:

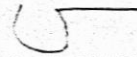
- i. Military training and education;
- ii. Defence Industry, Science and Technology;
- iii. Military intelligence;
- iv. Mapping and hydrography;
- v. Health and Physical training;
- vi. Communications, information systems and cyber security;

The Agreement will be of added value to existing efforts by Government to transform the RSLAF into a professional, well-trained and proactive Institution to safeguard the Nation's Peace, Security and Development. Furthermore, the Agreement when fully implemented, will present a rare opportunity to Sierra Leone to transform its defence

and security architecture without recourse to huge budgetary commitments by Government.

CABINET DECISION

CABINET approved the proposal presented by Deputy Minister of Defence.



S. U. KARIM

For: Secretary to the Cabinet and
Head of the Civil Service

23RD NOVEMBER, 2023