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**Report of the Joint
Parliamentary Committee on Finance and Transport
on the Procurement of 100 Buses, Spare Parts and
related Services for the Government of Sierra
Leone.**

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Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, it is our honour to present to this august body the report of the Joint Parliamentary Committees of Finance and Transport on the 100 buses for the Government of Sierra Leone during the 2014/1015 Fiscal Year.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation [SLRTC], being a corporation that was established to provide efficient, reliable and sustainable public transportation services for the people of Sierra Leone. It difficulties or problems in meeting its social services started about a decade ago due to lack of money to replace old fleet of vehicles and spare parts.

The public perceptions of the corporation deteriorated considerably as evidenced by the long queues of commuters at various bus stops within the city and provincial district headquarter towns.

Also responsible for the dismal business climate at the Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation (SLRTC) is the poor financial management and indiscipline in the day to day running of the affairs of the corporation. Much was not realized from the operations of the TATA Buses under the present management of the SLRTC despite of the huge bank loan that was secured to make a difference in the transportation sector. The same is true on the operations of the Ashok Leyland buses all of which were wrecked. Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, in view of the above, coupled with the burning desire to bring relief to the travelling public, and in response to the agenda for prosperity, the Ministry of Transport and Aviation (MTA) representing the Government of Sierra Leone (hereinafter referred to as "the client") entered into a contract (14PLEX0320) with Poly Technologies, Inc. (PTI) of the People's Republic of China in May, 2014 for the procurement of 100 buses, mobile maintenance units, maintenance vehicles, Tools and equipment, spare parts and Technical training support. The face value