



## GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

### MINUTE PAPER

#### MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- (i) Below is Extract from Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting, 2023 held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2023

Memo No: CP(2023)15

#### AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF HUNGARY

##### SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation presented a proposal for Cabinet to:

- i. authorize the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation to sign the Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Government of Hungary;
- ii. authorize the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation to work in concert with the Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of Planning and Economic Development to lay this Agreement before Parliament for ratification;
- iii. designate the Ministers of Trade and Industry; and Planning and Economic Development, respectively as the Ministers primarily responsible for the implementation of the provisions of the Agreement.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, on the sidelines of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 77), signed an Agreement with his Hungarian counterpart on economic and technical cooperation. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish close cooperation between Sierra Leone and Hungary in enhancing our common interest through the promotion of economic and technical cooperation based on mutual advantage and to further strengthen and deepen the friendly ties of cooperation between the two countries.

The main features of the Agreement are to foster cooperation, and inter-alia, in the following sectors:



- a) agriculture, food, and processing industry;
- b) trade;
- c) education;
- d) energy;
- e) investments;
- f) construction industry and manufacturing of building materials and equipment;
- g) urban development;
- h) transport and related infrastructure, logistics;
- i) mining;
- j) chemical and petrochemical industry;
- k) textile industry;
- l) environmental protection, water, and waste management;
- m) health service, medical technology, and pharmaceutical industry;
- n) tourism and sport;
- o) cooperation in small and medium-sized enterprise sectors;
- p) information communications technology;
- q) defense industry;
- r) communal infrastructure;
- s) research and development;
- t) culture;
- u) training;
- v) exchange of information and expertise relating to scientific and technical research;
- w) exchange and training of specialists, scientists, technicians, and students for specific cooperation programme; and
- x) any other areas as may be agreed upon by the parties.

**CABINET DECISION**

CABINET approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation



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For: Secretary to the Cabinet and  
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