



**Government of Sierra Leone**

**Agreement on the Establishment of a Joint Committee for  
Cooperation**

**Between the Government of the State of Qatar and the  
Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone**

The Government of the State of Qatar, represented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

And the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone, represented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation;

(Hereinafter, referred to as the "Two Parties")

Desirous to strengthen the understanding and solidarity between their people and ensure their wellbeing;

Recognizing the brotherly relationship existing between their two countries.

Have agreed as follows:

**Article (1)**

**Establishment of a Joint Committee**

Subject to this Agreement, The Two Parties shall establish a Joint Committee for Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as " The Joint Committee")

**Article (2)**

**Formation of the Joint Committee**

The Joint Committee shall be presided over by the Foreign Ministers of the two countries or their designated representatives of the relevant sectors dealing with the bilateral cooperation in both countries

### **Article (3)**

#### **Objectives and Functions of the Joint Committee**

The Joint Committee shall be responsible for:

- 1- Determining cooperation projects in addition to the means of implementing them in the following area:
  - a) Economic development with particular concentration on Agriculture, Mining, Water Resources, Infrastructure and industrial sectors;
  - b) Development of Trade;
  - c) Financial Relationships;
  - d) Development of Energy Resources;
  - e) Exchange of experts, advisors and relevant professionals including teachers;
  - f) Social and cultural cooperation in areas of the media, youth and sports, public health and tourism;
  - g) And any other field that may be specified by the Joint Committee.
- 2- Supervision of the approved projects.
- 3- The Joint Committee may establish a follow-up committee formed from experts from both countries.
- 4- Suggestion of necessary draft agreements of cooperation between the Two Parties, in other areas of cooperation.

### **Article (4)**

#### **Meetings, Venues and the Procedures of the Joint Committee**

- 1- The Joint Committee shall convene alternatively in an ordinary session in the two countries once every two years, or may convene in an extraordinary session explicitly demanded by one of the Parties with the approval of the other.
- 2- Subject to a suggestion from the Government of the host country, the Two Parties shall agree through diplomatic channels, on the date and agenda of the Joint Committees meeting.
- 3- The Joint committee shall have the mandate to determine its own procedures.

4- Meetings and findings of the Joint committee shall be submitted to the Two Parties for consideration.

**Article (5)**

**Bearing costs**

The sender party shall bear the expenses of travel of its delegations to and from the hosting Party, while the hosting party shall bear the costs of accommodation, local transportation and emergency medical treatment of the delegations of the other party, according with the rules prevailing in both countries.

**Article (6)**

**Other Agreements**

This agreement shall not affect the rights and obligations arising out of any other international agreements joined by either Party.

**Article (7)**

**Dispute settlement**

Any dispute arising between the Two Parties concerning the interpretation or application of the present Agreement, shall be settled amicably through consultations and cooperation between the Two Parties.

**Article (8)**

**Amendment**

This Agreement or any of its texts may be amended by a written consent of the Two Parties, and such amendments shall become effective in accordance with the procedures stipulated in Article (9) of this Agreement.