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**PRESS RELEASE**

**ACTING SPEAKER INVITES CSOs AND HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS**

The Acting Speaker of Parliament, Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas, judging from the importance of the ongoing debate in Parliament on the abolition of the death penalty in Sierra Leone, following the promise made by President Julius Maada Bio during the campaigns of the last general elections in the country.

In light of the history of the death penalty in Sierra Leone, Hon. Thomas is perturbed that the galleries of Parliament are empty as he is of the opinion and expectation that those galleries should have been filled with representatives of Civil Society and Human Rights Organizations in the country.

By copy of this, Parliament has formally extended an invitation to representatives of Civil Society and Human Rights Organizations to come and witness the debate on the abolition of the death penalty on the next adjourned date.

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