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## PRESS RELEASE

### **PAC PASSES A RESOLUTION AND DIRECTS THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL TO RETRIEVE FUNDS**

Following its third sitting on queries raised by the Auditor General on Wednesday 15/01/2025, on the accounts of Sierra Leone for the financial year 2023, the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) under the auspices of Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh has unanimously passed a resolution signifying an efficient and effective handling of imprest accounts and has also directed the retrieval of funds and paid into the consolidated revenue funds by the Accountant General, who is managing cash for and on behalf of the Government of Sierra Leone.

After long deliberations during the course of the proceedings relating to transactions on special and standing imprest accounts without supporting documents, the Public Accounts Committee has resolved in unanimity that no payment should be honoured by the Accountant General in respect of imprest and donor funded accounts if it fell below the threshold of accountable documents in the public financial management regulations and certified by the Internal Auditors before such payments are made by the Accountant General for purposes of transparent and accountable financial governance.

On the query regarding the payment of allowances without the deduction of PAYE (pay as you earn) taxes, the Public Accounts Committee has asked the Auditors to present the schedule for onward forwarding to the Accountant General to do the necessary deductions and pay same to the consolidated revenue funds for an amount that is over Le 260 million Old Leone.

The hearing continues tomorrow.

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