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PARLIAMENT PASSES TWO BILLS INTO LAW

The Parliament of Sierra Leone, has on Tuesday 21/03/2023, at around 5.00 P.M and 6.00 P.M extensively debated and simultaneously passed into law two Bills that are geared towards the development and improvement of the employment industry within and outside Sierra Leone.

The following Bills were enacted into law by the Parliament of Sierra Leone:

- 1. "The Work Permit Act,2023", which seeks to repeal part V1A of the Non-citizens (Registration, short time immigration and Expulsion) Act, 1965, (Act No.14 of 1965), to provide for the regulation of the Non-citizens in Sierra Leone and to provide for other related Matters and
- 2. "The Overseas Employment and Migrant Workers Act 2023", which seeks to provide for the regulation of Overseas Employment, to provide for the protection of the rights and welfare of migrant workers and members of their families, and to provide for other related Matters

Earlier, both related Bills have been extensively debated and went through several consultations and scrutiny before they were enacted into law.

After the simultaneous passages of the Bills, the Minister of Labour and Employment, Alpha Timbo Esq, who piloted both Bills expressed thanks and appreciation to all those who

contributed meaningfully to what he described as "service to the State". He referred to the documents as very significant properties of the Nation and informed Parliament that, they would transform the economic well-being of the people, and address unemployment challenges within and outside Sierra Leone.

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