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**PRESS RELEASE**

**PARLIAMENT APPROVES DEPUTY ACC COMMISSIONER AND FOUR OTHERS**

The Parliament of Sierra Leone has on 30th April 2019 debated and unanimously approved the Thirty-Fourth Report of its Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, chaired by the Leader of Government Business, Hon. Sidie M. Tunis

After approval, Speaker of Parliament, the Rt. Hon. Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu congratulated the nominees and wished them well in pursuit of their various appointments.

The following presidential nominees were approved by Parliament:

- I. Mr. Augustine Foday Ngobie-Deputy Commissioner, Anti-Corruption Commission
- II. Mr. David Kai Rogers-Member, Sierra Leone Council for Postgraduate Colleges of Health Specialties
- III. Mr. Christian Leigh-Member, Board of Directors, Produce Monitoring Board
- IV. Mr. Ernest Daniel Max Lavalie-Member, Local Government Finance Committee and
- V. Mr. Samuka Kamara-Member, Local Government Finance Committee

Seconding the motion, Hon. Amadu Kanu of APC described the nominees as “well qualified for the positions they have been nominated by President Bio”, and urged them to serve in the best interest of the country.

In rounding up the debate, the Acting Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Hassan Sesay of APC applauded the nominees and referred to them as “fine Sierra Leoneans” who should be given the opportunity to serve the country.

Concluding the debate, the Leader of Government Business, Hon. Sidie M. Tunis of SLPP also referred to the nominees as “highly qualified persons with high integrity”. He said that “the nomination of the Deputy ACC Boss is in line with President Bio’s agenda in the fight against corruption”.

In another development, the Parliament of Sierra Leone has on Tuesday 30th April 2019 debated and ratified Three Agreements which relate to boosting foreign cooperation and agricultural productivity in the country. These Agreements were laid and presented for ratification by both the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Agriculture and Forestry respectively, Dr. Alie Kabba and Dr. Joseph Ndanema.

The following Agreements were ratified by Parliament:

I. General Cooperation Agreement Between the Government of the Republic of Ghana and the Government for the Republic of Sierra Leone for the Establishment of Permanent Joint Commission for Cooperation

II. Agreement Between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone on Military-Technical Cooperation and

III. Agreement Between the Government of Sierra Leone and Sierra Tropical Limited Relating to Bo District Agro-Processing Facility Project

MPs who spoke to these Agreements acclaimed the Government for making frantic efforts aimed at strengthening our foreign cooperation and boosting agricultural productivity with pineapple juice through the Bo District Agro-Processing Facility Project.

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