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Following allegations of corruption by Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh against the Clerk of Parliament and vice versa, leading to the institution of investigation by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) of Sierra Leone, Parliament welcomes its conclusions and recommendations.

The Parliament of Sierra Leone hereby assures the General Public that it will fully cooperate with the findings and recommendations of the Anti-Corruption Commission of Sierra Leone aimed at improving and strengthening prudent fiscal management in Parliament with a view to promoting transparency and accountability in the management of its finances.

It should, however, be mentioned that even prior to this investigation, Parliament had itself through several meetings of the Parliamentary Service Commission in Kenema, Makeni and Port Loko, inaugurated a process for putting in place sound and credible policies to ensure transparency and accountability in the management of its financial resources; a yawning gap that it had inherited from the Fourth Parliament. Parliament is therefore ready and willing to cooperate fully with ACC with a view to further enhancing and strengthening institutional accountability and transparency in this regard.

In conclusion, we want to take this opportunity to thank the ACC for its careful investigation, conclusions and recommendations into the issues raised and to assure it of our willingness to respect the principles of accountability; and to also thank the General Public for exercising patience pending the outcome of this investigation.

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