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SPECIAL ENVOY FROM AZERBAIJAN VISITS SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT

A special envoy from the Republic of Azerbaijan headed by Ambassador Elchin Amirbayov today 23/02/2024 paid courtesy call on the Speaker of Sierra Leone Parliament, Hon. Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu in his Chambers at Parliament building in Freetown.

Ambassador Elchin Amirbayov, Representative of the President on Special Assignments conveyed best greetings from the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Government and People of Sierra Leone and spoke about deepening and strengthening bilateral relations between Azerbaijan and Sierra Leone. He also spoke about the revitalization of the nonaligned movement and the creation of an inter-parliamentary network among member states to promote and protect their common interests in international diplomacy and cooperation. He congratulated Sierra Leone's election to the UN Security Council as a non-permanent member

and spoke about Azerbaijan hosting the COP 29 and the need for a peaceful settlement of the conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia.

Extending his warmest welcome to the delegation, Hon. Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu said that it was a good idea to revitalize the non-aligned movement with the view to reawakening the organisation as an important platform for promoting and protecting the interests of smaller nations in the management of international relations. Speaking on the Assembly of the InterParliamentary Union (IPU) next month in Geneva, Hon. Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu said that he would be pleased to meet with the Speaker of Azerbaijan's Parliament at the margins of Assembly to discuss possible ways of establishing parliamentary friendship networks between the parliaments of Sierra Leone and Azerbaijan. Hon. Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu also reiterated Sierra Leone's undiluted commitments to respecting the UN Charter and also called for its review given experiences and the changing times and circumstances from 1945 to date in order to reflect the current realities of the world. He also underscored that Sierra Leone and Azerbaijan were secular states with remarkable commonalities regarding religious tolerance, inter-marriages and a peaceful co-existence among their citizens.

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