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Financing Agreement

(Second Governance Reform and Growth Credit)

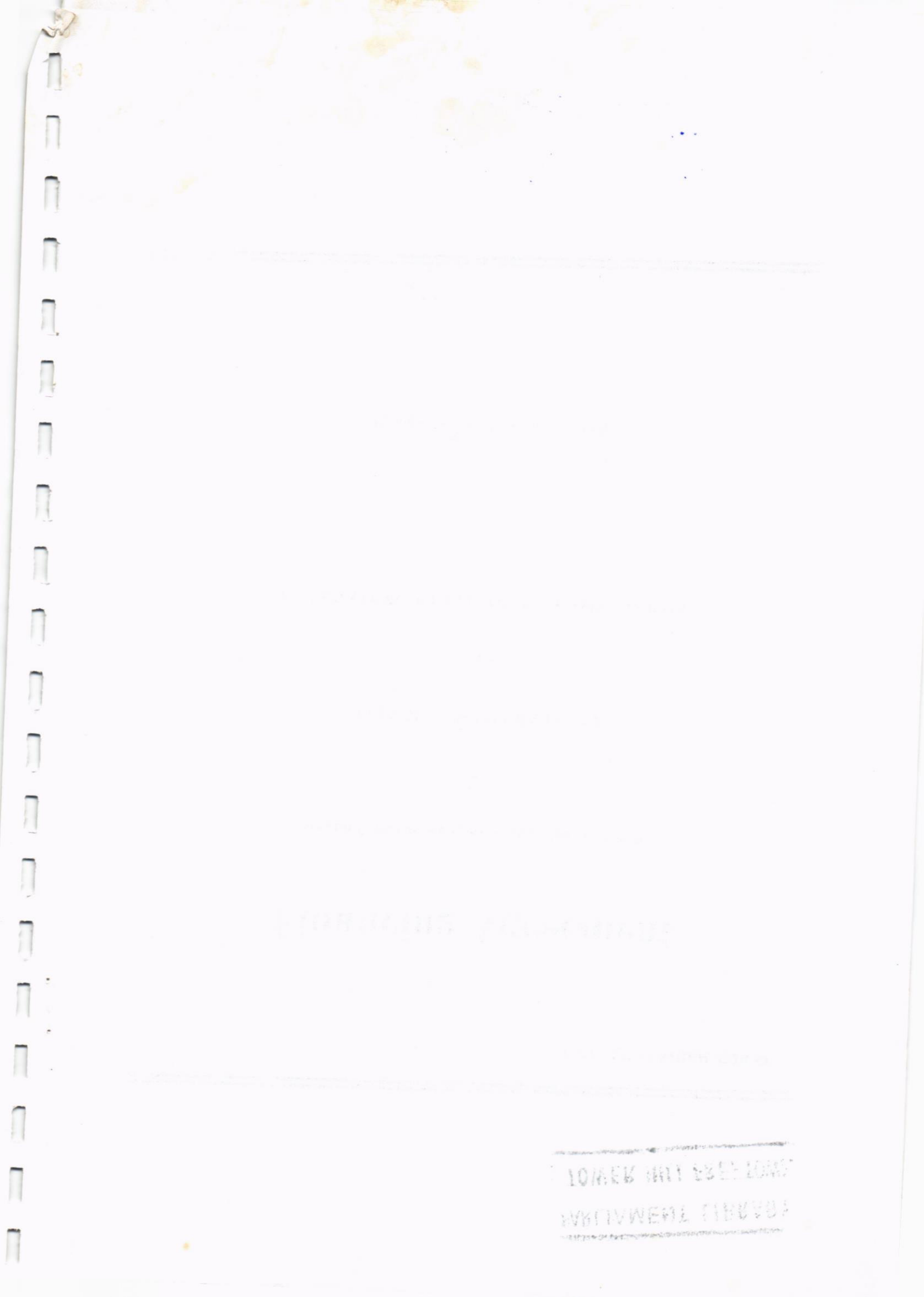
between

REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Dated October 9, 2008



FINANCING AGREEMENT

Agreement dated *October 9, 2008*, entered into between REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE ("Recipient") and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ("Association") for the purpose of providing financing in support of the Program (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement). The Association has decided to provide this financing on the basis, *inter alia*, of: (a) the actions which the Recipient has already taken under the Program and which are described in Section I of Schedule 1 to this Agreement; and (b) the Recipient's maintenance of an appropriate macro-economic policy framework.

The Recipient and the Association therefore hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I—GENERAL CONDITIONS; DEFINITIONS

- 1.01. The General Conditions (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement) constitute an integral part of this Agreement.
- 1.02. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in the Financing Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions or in the Appendix to this Agreement.

ARTICLE II—FINANCING

- 2.01. The Association agrees to extend to the Recipient, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, a credit in an amount equivalent to six million four hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 6,400,000) (variously, "Credit" and "Financing").
- 2.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing in support of the Program in accordance with Section II of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.
- 2.03. The Maximum Commitment Charge Rate payable by the Recipient on the Unwithdrawn Financing Balance shall be one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) per annum.
- 2.04. The Service Charge payable by the Recipient on the Withdrawn Credit Balance shall be equal to three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum.
- 2.04. The Payment Dates are February 15 and August 15 in each year.
- 2.05. The principal amount of the Credit shall be repaid in accordance with the repayment schedule set forth in Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
- 2.06. The Payment Currency is Dollars.

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ARTICLE III—PROGRAM

- 3.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the Program and its implementation. To this end:
- (a) the Recipient and the Association shall from time to time, at the request of either party, exchange views on the progress achieved in carrying out the Program;
 - (b) prior to each such exchange of views, the Recipient shall furnish to the Association for its review and comment a report on the progress achieved in carrying out the Program, in such detail as the Association shall reasonably request; and
 - (c) without limitation upon the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section, the Recipient shall promptly inform the Association of any situation that would have the effect of materially reversing the objectives of the Program or any action taken under the Program including any action specified in Section I of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV—REMEDIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 4.01. The Additional Event of Suspension shall be that a situation has arisen which shall make it improbable that the Program, or a significant part of it, will be carried out.

ARTICLE V—TERMINATION

- 5.01. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement.

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ARTICLE VI—REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES

6.01. The Recipient's Representative is its Minister responsible for finance.

6.02. The Recipient's Address is:

Minister of Finance and Economic Development
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George Street
Freetown
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6.03. The Association's Address is:

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