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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATIVE
REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A POLITICAL CONSULTATION MECHANISM**

The Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone

and

The Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil
(hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"),

Willing to intensify the friendly bilateral relations and to promote understanding and cooperation between both countries, in conformity with the aims and principles of the Charter of the United Nations; and

Recognizing the need to jointly make effort and take actions with a view to promoting peace and regional and international security, as well as to fostering economic and social development of both peoples, and in order to coordinate points of view in international fora,

Have reached the following understanding:

Article I

The Parties hereby establish a mechanism for regular political consultations between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Ministry of External Relations of the Federative Republic of Brazil, which will deal with the development of the bilateral relations, as well as with regional and international issues of common interest.

Article II

The consultations will be held alternately in Brazil and in Sierra Leone. The dates, agenda, level of representation and the length of the consultations will be established by mutual consent of the Parties, through diplomatic channels.

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Article III

The Parties will encourage and facilitate the exchange of visits and consultations between the agents in charge of the issues of common interest in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Ministry of External Relations of the Federative Republic of Brazil.

Article IV

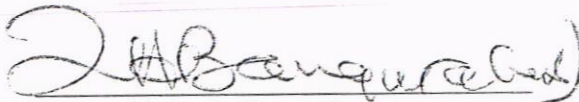
The representatives of the Parties to the United Nations and other international organizations will make contact and consultations on the topics of common interest in order to strengthen the bilateral relations and to coordinate the perspectives.

Article V

1. The present Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of its signature and will be valid indefinitely.
2. Either Party may, at any time, notify the other, through diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding. Termination will be effective six (6) months after the date of the notification.
3. The present Memorandum of Understanding may be modified or amended at any time by mutual consent of the Parties, through diplomatic channels.
4. Any dispute concerning the present Memorandum of Understanding will be settled by mutual agreement of the Parties, through diplomatic channels.

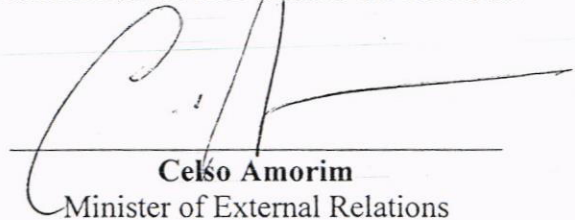
Done at Brasilia, on August 19th 2009, in duplicate, in the English and Portuguese languages, both texts being equally authentic.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
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