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PRESS RELEASE

SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT IS ACTING PRESIDENT OF SIERRA LEONE

The Rt. Hon. Speaker of the Parliament of Sierra Leone, Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu is effectively from today 7th December 2018 acting in the capacity as President of the Republic of Sierra Leone for the third time since his election as Speaker of Parliament.

This is provided for in Act No. 6 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone that whenever His Excellency the President and the Vice-President are out of the country or both of them are unable to perform the functions of the Presidency of Sierra Leone, then the Speaker of Parliament shall act as such until either the President or the Vice-President returns to execute those functions.

In light of Section 54 (6) of Act No. 6 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone which reads:

“Whenever the President and the Vice-President are both for any reason unable to perform the functions of the President, the Speaker of Parliament shall perform those functions until the President or Vice-President is able to perform those functions, and shall take and subscribe the oath of office as set out in the Second Schedule before commencing to perform those functions”.

In his capacity as acting President of Sierra Leone does not preclude him from executing his duties as the Speaker of the Parliament of Sierra Leone.

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