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This PROTOCOL OF AGREEMENT (hereinafter called the "Agreement") is entered into this 14th day of May 2009 between the REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE (hereinafter the "Recipient") on the one hand, and the AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (hereinafter called the "Bank") and the AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (hereinafter the "Fund") on behalf of the FRAGILE STATES FACILITY (hereinafter called the "FSF") on the other.

1. WHEREAS the Recipient has requested the Bank and the Fund, on behalf of the FSF, to support the implementation of the Economic Governance Reform Programme I (hereinafter called the "Programme"), by providing a Grant to it in the amount specified hereunder, and

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2. WHEREAS the Grant will be provided by the FSF, which was established as an autonomous entity specifically to provide assistance to fragile states; and

3. WHEREAS the Grant will be provided from FSF's Supplemental Financing Window, designed to provide financing supplemental to a member country's African Development Fund allocation; and

4. WHEREAS the Recipient qualifies for supplemental grant financing from FSF and the Grant shall be for the purpose of budget support; and

5. WHEREAS the Recipient has declared its commitment to the execution of the Programme; and

6. WHEREAS the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (hereinafter called "MoFED") shall be the Executing Agency for the Programme; and

7. WHEREAS the Bank and the Fund have agreed, on behalf of FSF and on the basis, *inter alia*, of the foregoing, to provide a Grant to the Recipient upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth;

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