



*The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation  
Republic of Sierra Leone  
OAU Drive, Tower Hill, Freetown*

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12 October 2018

**From:**

The Director-General and Ambassador-at-Large  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation  
Tower Hill  
Freetown

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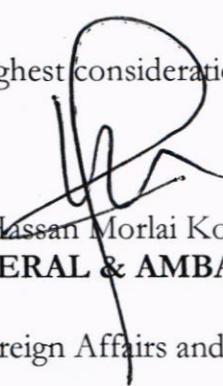
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Parliament Building  
Tower Hill  
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Dear Sir

**Ratification of Agreement on Establishing the Consultation Mechanism  
between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the  
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Republic of China**

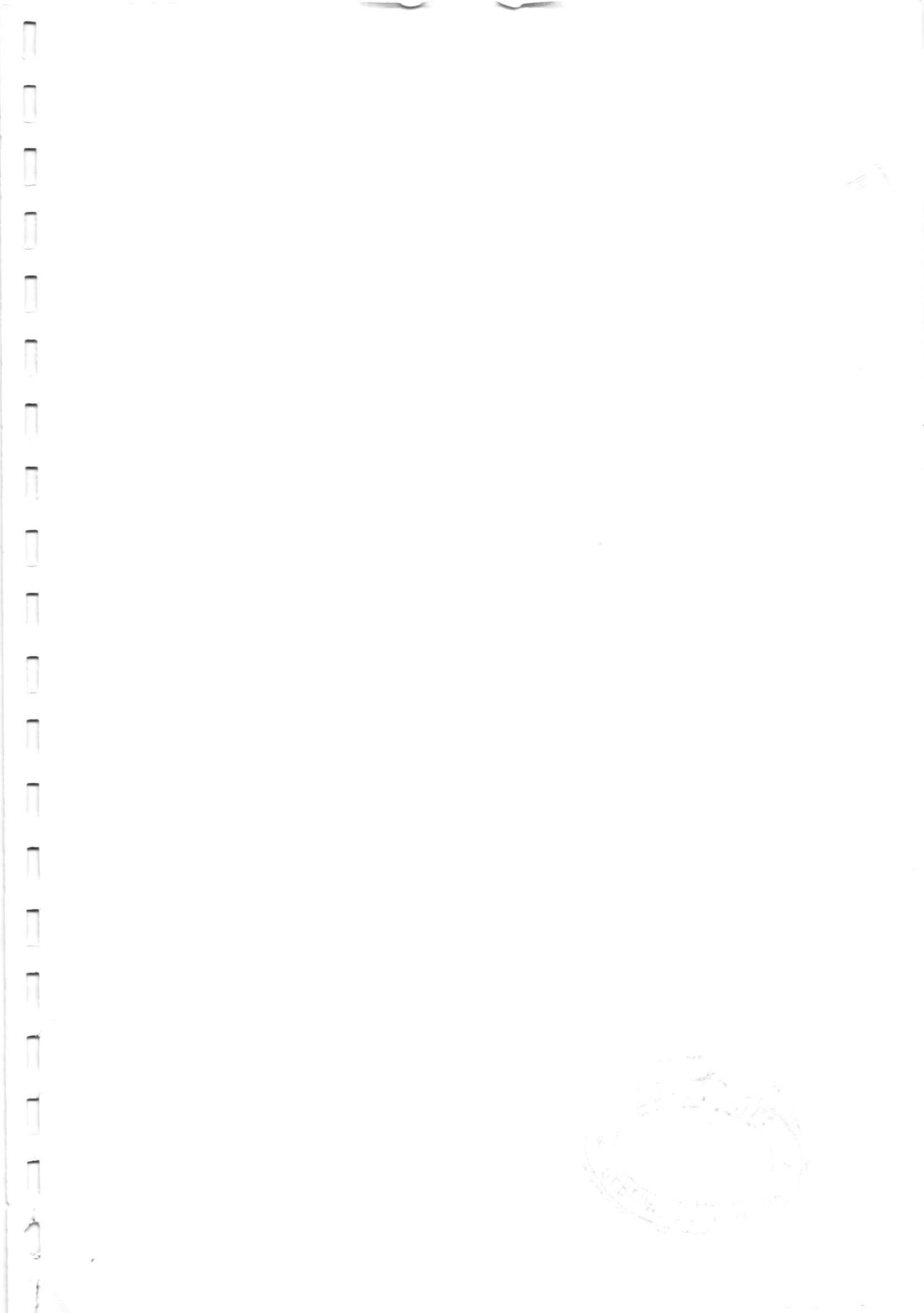
I am directed to refer to the above subject-matter and to submit the abovementioned Convention and respectfully request dates for the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation to lay the said New York Convention before this Honourable House for ratification.

Please accept the assurance of my highest consideration as I await to hear from you.

  
Patrick Hassan Morlai Koroma

**FOR: DIRECTOR-GENERAL & AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE**

CC: The Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation



## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

### to the Agreement on Establishing the Consultation Mechanism between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China

This Agreement was among those signed during former President Ernst Bai Koroma's State Visit to China in December 2016. It seeks to pursue a common aspiration between Sierra Leone and China by enhancing mutual understanding and further develop friendly relations. The Agreement will establish a consultation mechanism to communicate and coordinate on bilateral relations, regional and international issues and mutual interests.

Although Sierra Leone has bilateral diplomatic relations with China, this Agreement will elevate the relationship between our two Foreign Ministries to a higher status for the benefits of our respective countries. In addition to our existing bilateral diplomatic relationship, this Agreement commits the two Foreign Ministries to regular and periodic meeting at ministerial or director-general level in Beijing and Freetown. The parties will consult on existing fields of cooperation including political, economic and trade, education, culture, security, consular, etc. and explore new areas and ways of cooperation between competent departments, local governments, civil organisations and enterprises of our two countries.

This Agreement will contribute to the realisation of His Excellency President Julius Maada Bio's vision for inclusive representation and effective participation at the local level of governance. The Agreement will also foster deeper interaction between our two foreign ministries so that through the regular consultations, relevant stakeholders in government and through the private sector in Sierra Leone will tap into China's huge outbound direct investment.

The Agreement was considered and received approval at the Cabinet meeting held on 19 September 2018.

The focal person for this Agreement, on behalf of the Director-General and Ambassador-at-Large, to liaise with Parliament is:

*Patrick Hassan Morlai Koroma*

*Director, Human Rights and Compliance*

*Legal Affairs and International Conventions Division*

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**Done:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

**Dated:** 12 October 2018



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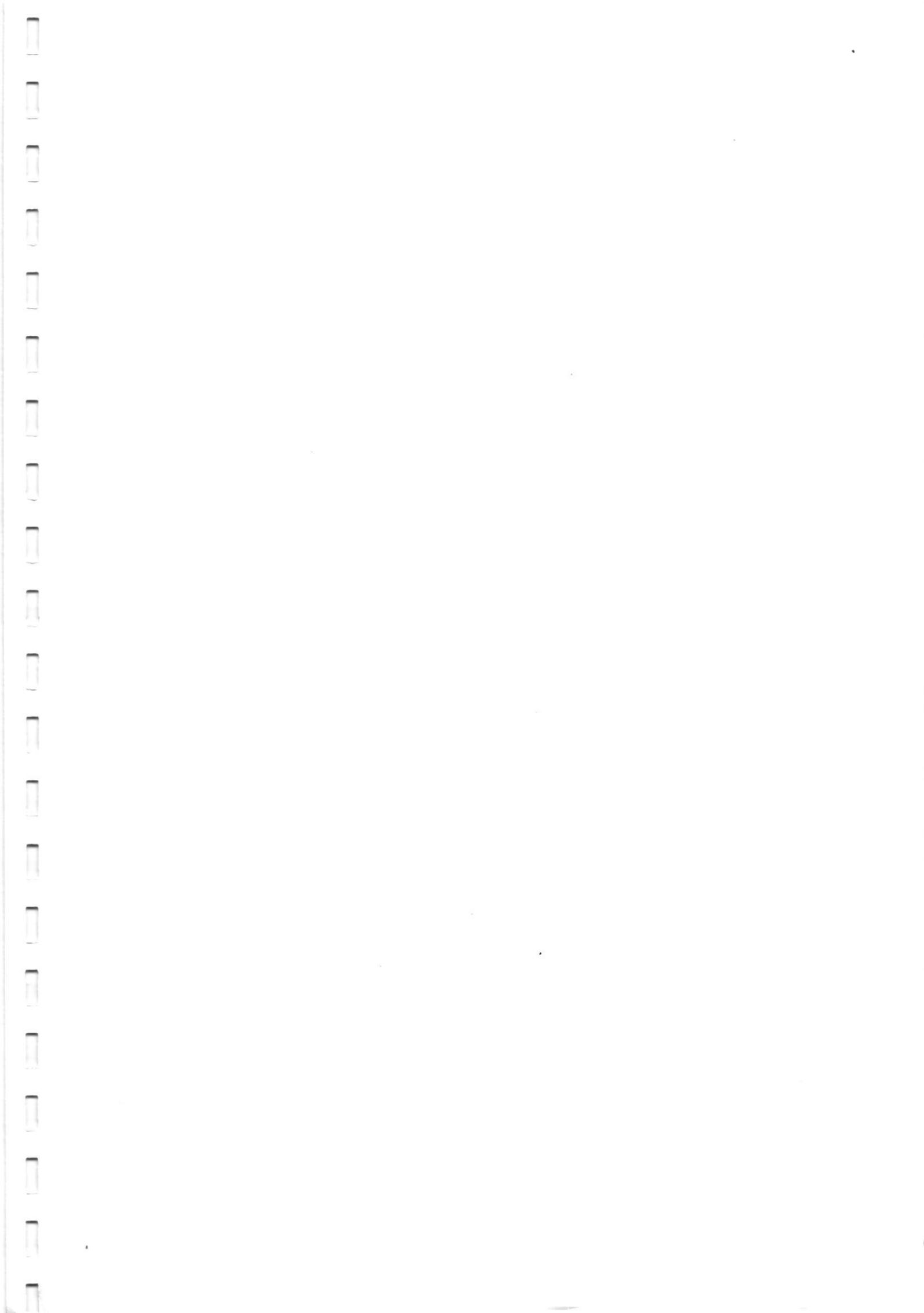
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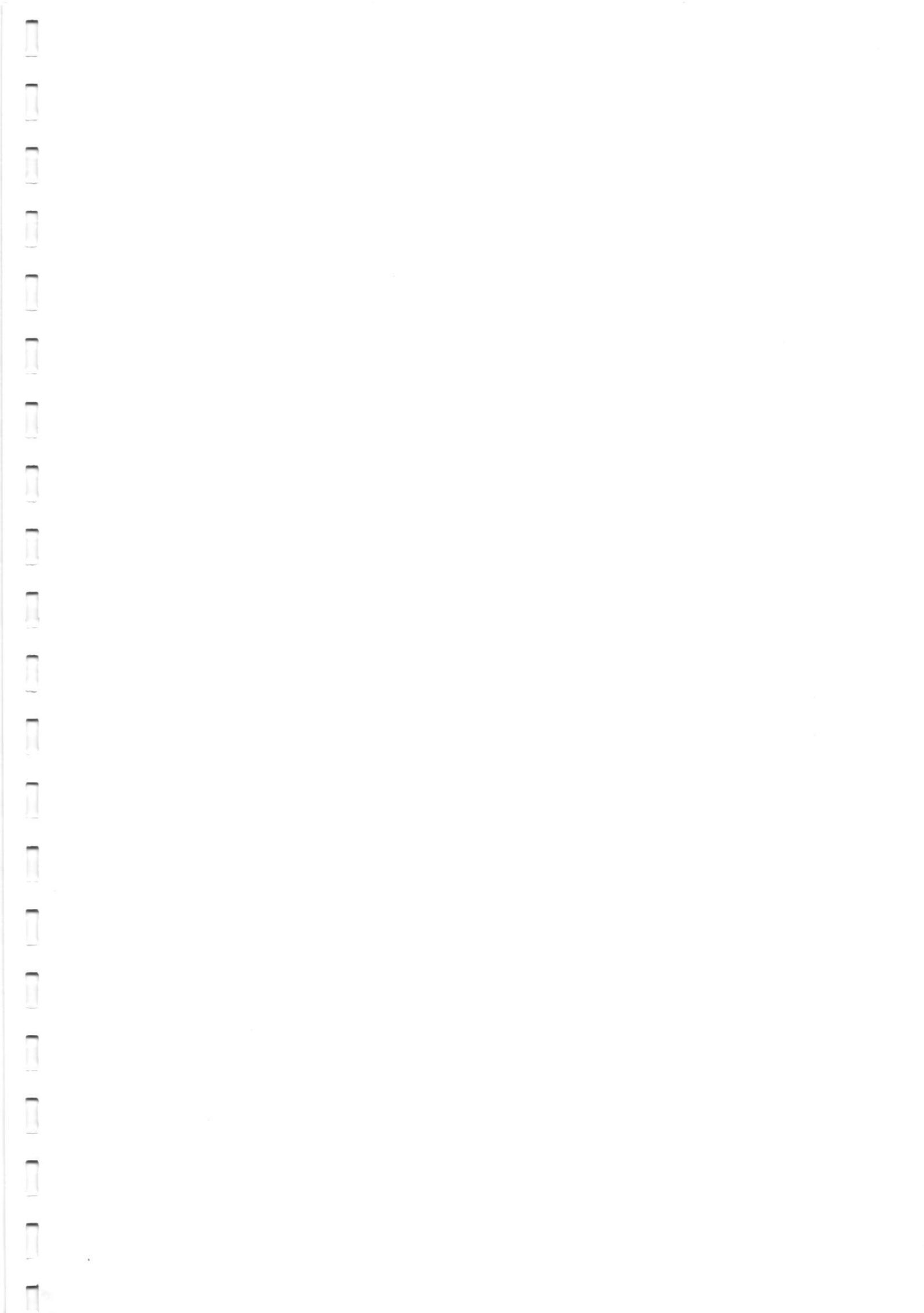
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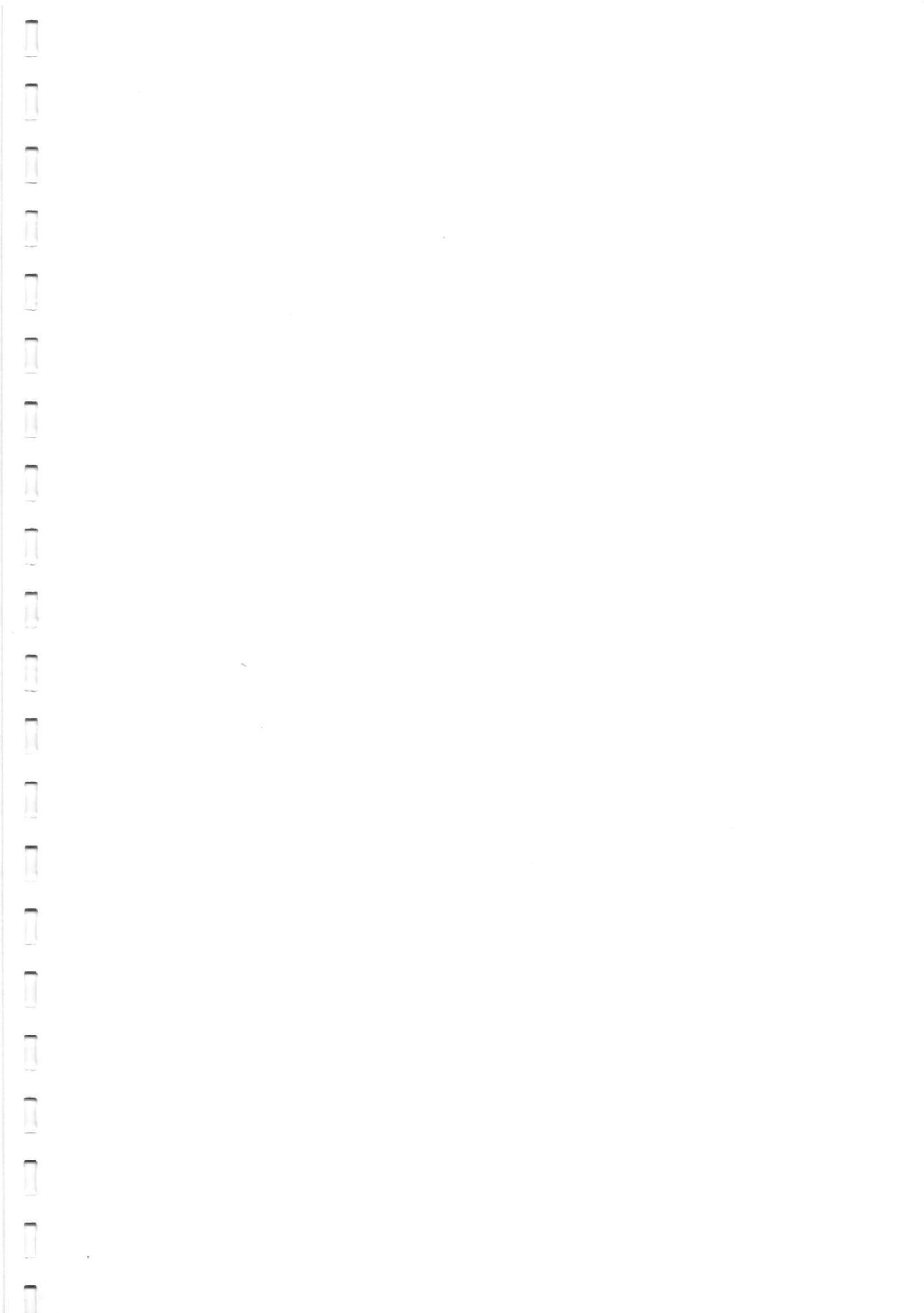
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本协议于二〇一六年十二月一日在北京签订，一式两份，每份均用中文和英文写成，两种文本同等作准。

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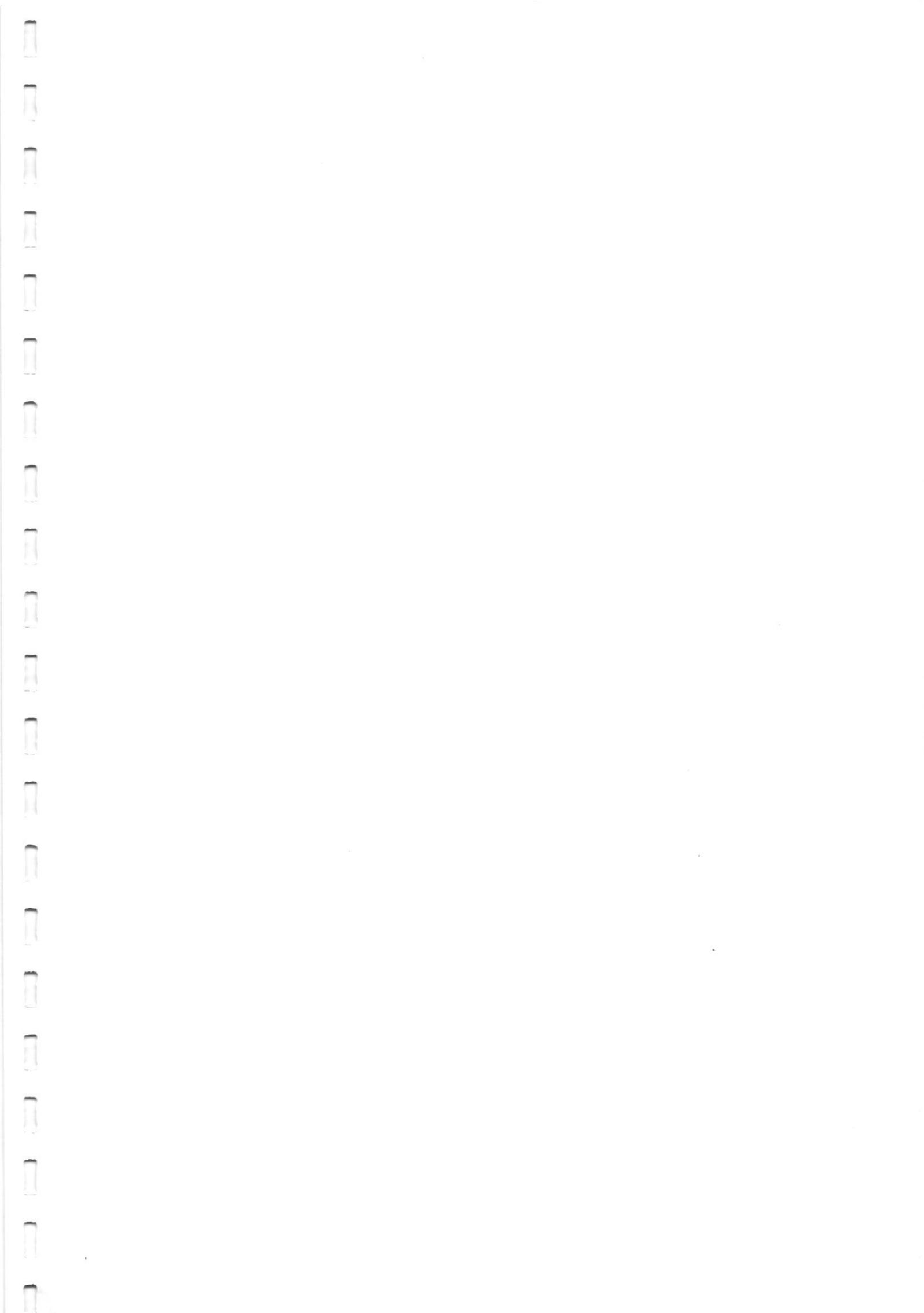
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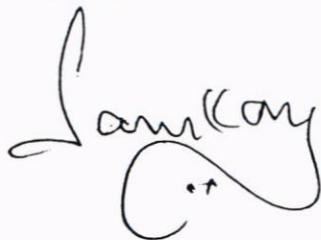
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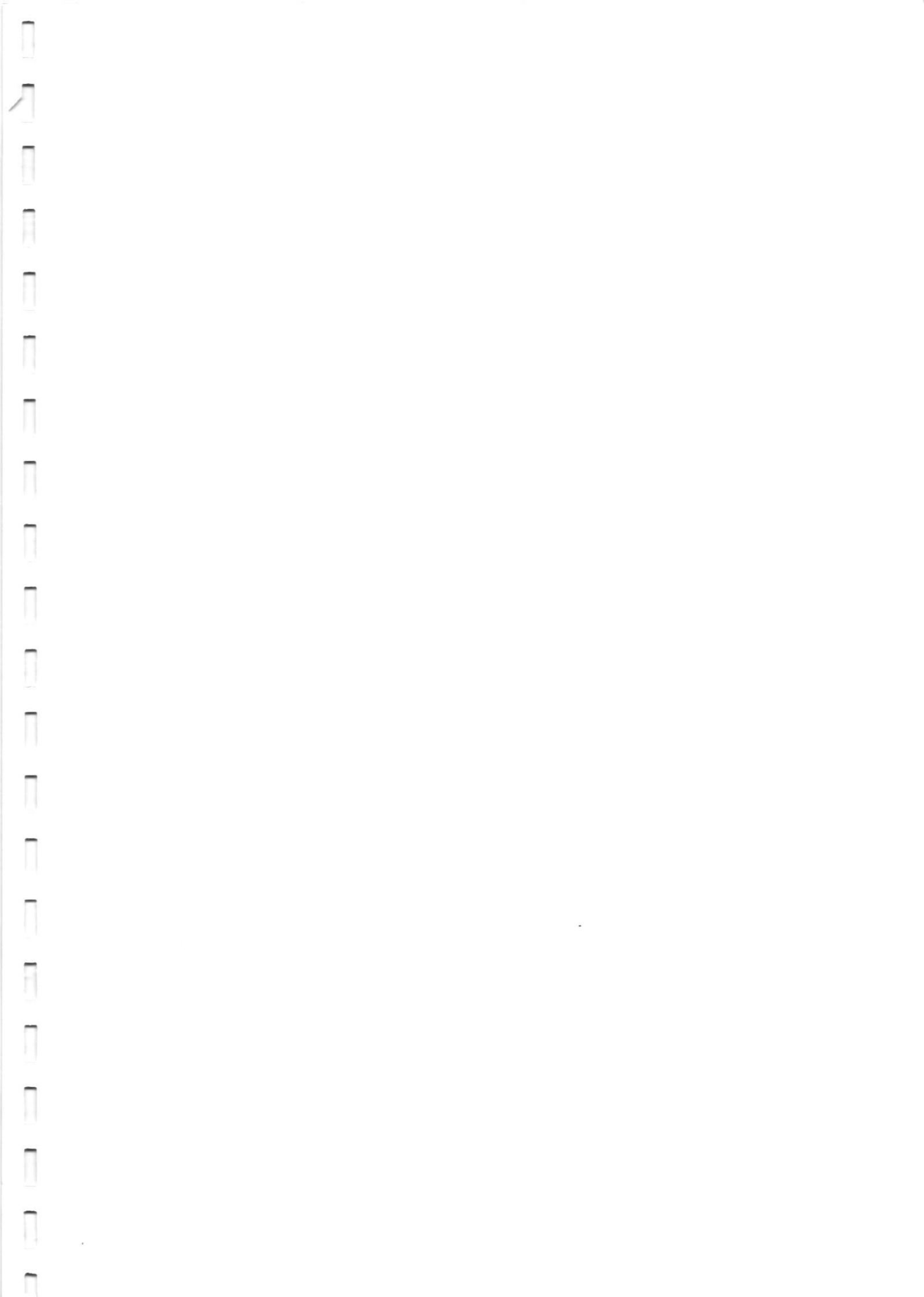
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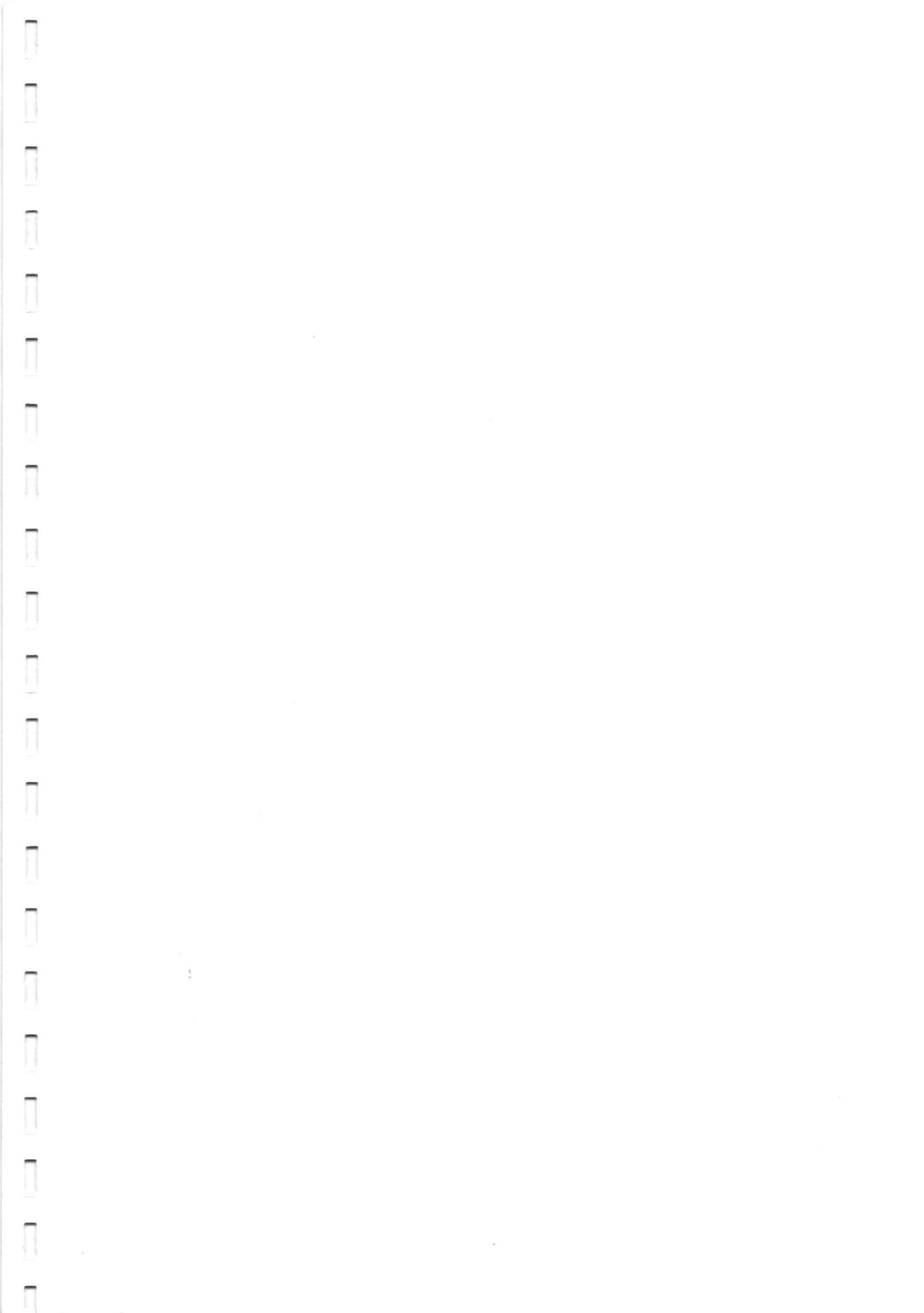


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Memorandum by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

1. Recommendations:

Cabinet is invited to:

- a) approve retroactively the "Agreement on Establishing the Consultation Mechanism between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China;"
- b) authorize the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation to work in consonant with the Attorney General and Minister of Justice on the implementation of the modalities therein;
- c) authorize the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation to liaise with the Sub-Committee on the Forum for China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in Parliament to garner the support of the House for the ratification of the Agreement;
- d) note Article III of the Agreement indicating among others, regular or periodic meetings at Ministerial or Director-General level in Beijing and Freetown; and
- e) designate the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation as primary Minister responsible for the implementation of the modalities referred therein.

2. Purpose and brief description:

Sierra Leone and China have collaborated in a myriad of areas of Economic and Technical Cooperation. The purpose of this Consultation Mechanism is to enhance the existing cooperative relationship in political, economic and trade, educational, cultural, security, consular and other fields; actively explore new areas and ways of cooperation, promote the implementation of cooperation; project and solve relevant problems and encouraging closer exchanges and cooperation between departments, local governments, civil organizations and enterprises of both countries.

3. Strategic relevance and urgency:

The strategic imperative of the Agreement cannot be overemphasized. As succinctly articulated in the respective country's national development programme such as the New Direction and most recently in President Julius Maada Bio's State Opening of



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Parliament on 10 May 2018, this Consultation Mechanism would yield positive dividends as well as strategically position Sierra Leone to align its development trajectory within the framework of South-South Cooperation and make the necessary imprints on foreign and international area.

Given the pace of globalized economic development to which China is a crucial partner, it is expedient that cabinet accelerates the process of approval of the Agreement so as to put us at a vantage point within the broader framework and vision of China's socio-economic development and President Julius Maada Bio's vision to attract more foreign direct investment and increase Sierra Leone's recognition in the sub-region, Africa and the world at large.

#### 4. Expected benefits and target beneficiaries

Colleagues, the direct benefits to be derived from a deeper interaction between the two foreign ministries include: Firstly, Sierra Leoneans who are engaged in economic activities would have the opportunity to tap into China's outbound direct investment (ODI). According to statistics, China's non-financial outbound direct investment (though it contracted this year compared to previous years) still stands at forty-eight point one nine Billion United States Dollars (US\$48.19) in the first six months of 2018. By approving and subsequently ratifying this Agreement would boost the manufacturing sector of the economy, further develop Micro and Small and Medium Enterprises as well as mainstream them in the formal economy. The concomitant result of this is that it would create more jobs for youthful population.

Secondly in terms of security, China continues to be a key bilateral player and contributor to the reimagining or rebranding of our security apparatus. It is expected that the Agreement would further strengthen the security sector in Sierra Leone as well as ensuring our continuous engagement in international peace missions, particularly on the Continent of Africa; counter terrorism and illegal cross border activities as well as protect our internal security.

Thirdly the vision of H.E. the President for inclusive representation and participation at the local level of governance has been phenomenal in the rebuilding and strengthening of the country's governance system. To this end, the Agreement would help build a thriving security governance system in Sierra Leone.

Overall, the Agreement is expected to benefit the entire citizenry of Sierra Leone, and in particular our micro-small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) which predominantly engage in small-scale businesses in the informal sector of the economy. It will also benefit the security apparatus of the State such as the Sierra Leone Armed Forces, Sierra Leone Police, Office of National Security, etc.; civil society organizations (CSOs), local government institutions; primary and tertiary institutions (schools/universities/technical and vocational) and cultural and artistic bodies such as the National Dance Troupe.



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5. Other likely impacts:

The Agreement will develop greater cooperation in diplomatic training skill mutually beneficial exchanges at bilateral and multilateral levels.

6. Evidence that proposed intervention is needed and will work

Given the long standing relations between Sierra Leone and China, the proposed Agreement is timely, considering the many untapped areas of cooperation. In consultation with other MDAs, the foreign ministries will now have the opportunity to identify areas where greater focus is needed to promote strategic partnership between the two countries.

China's intervention in all spectrum of our socio-economic development ranging from the fight against the deadly Ebola Virus Disease to the exploration of minerals; building of road infrastructure; equipping our security apparatus including the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces, capacity building, and a host of other interventions. These are crucial evidence of interventions cannot be overemphasised.

7. Consultation across government:

Other Ministries consulted on the memorandum include:

- a) Office of the president
- b) Attorney General and Minister of Justice
- c) The ministry of finance and economic cooperation

8. Financial implications:

There are no financial implications or cost envisaged for this Agreement.

9. Legal implications:

There are no legal implications to the proposed Agreement.

10. Implementation risks and monitoring:

The likely risk to the implementation of the Agreement will be the non-holding of regular or periodic meetings as indicated in Article III and the lack of coordination and consultation between both countries.

To overcome any risks to the implementation of the Agreement, the following factors will be taken into account:

- i. ensure the full implementation of Article III and IV; and
- ii. engage all key stakeholders that are likely to be affected by the Agreement when implemented.

11. External consultation and communication:



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Given the fact that the Agreement will have bearing on key sectorial players, wide range of external consultations will be undertaken, including engagement with civil society organizations. A communications strategy using mainly the print and electronic media is envisaged.

**Annexes:**

**Annex A:** Concurrence/ Summary of comments from consulted ministries.

**Annex B:** Agreement on Establishing the Consultation Mechanism between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China."

**Annex C:** Draft implementation plan.

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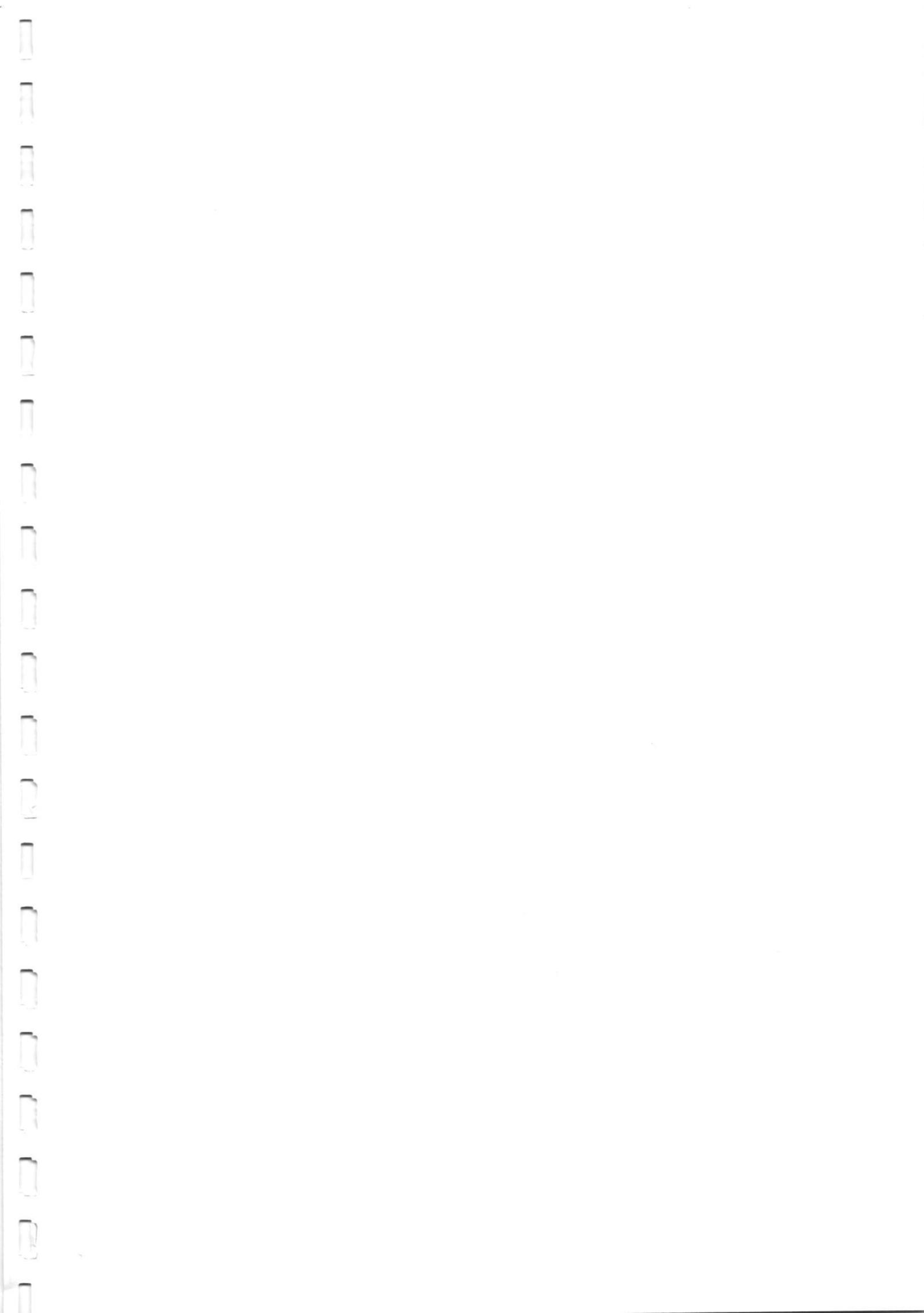


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To: The Secretary to the Cabinet and Head of Civil Service

27<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**Submission of Cabinet Papers by the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MFAIC)**

I am directed to refer to the above subject matter and submit herewith, for your prompt action, the following:

1. Cabinet Paper and annexes on the *Agreement on Establishing the Consultation Mechanism between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China* (40 copies);
2. Cabinet Paper and annexes on the *Agreement on Mutual Visa Exemption for Holders of Diplomatic and Services Passports between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Government of the People's Republic of China* (40 copies); and
3. Cabinet Paper and annexes on the *Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis on Exemption of Visa requirements for Holders of Diplomatic, Official and Ordinary Passports* (40 copies).

I thank you and please accept my highest consideration.

Patrick Hassan Morlai Koroma  
FOR: DIRECTOR-GENERAL & AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE

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The Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Affairs





## GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

### MINUTE PAPER

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- (i) CP(2018)10 issued
- (ii) Below is Extract from Cabinet Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of 2018:

**AGREEMENT ON ESTABLISHING THE CONSULTATION MECHANISM BETWEEN THE  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

**Memo. No: CP(2018)10**

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL**

The Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation presented a proposal for Cabinet to:

- i. approve the "Agreement on Establishing the Consultation Mechanism between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China;"
- ii. authorize the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation to work in consonant with the Attorney General and Minister of Justice on the implementation of the modalities therein;
- iii. authorize the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation to liaise with the Sub-Committee on the Forum for China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in Parliament to garner the support of the House for the ratification of the Agreement;
- iv. note Article III of the Agreement indicating among others, regular or periodic meetings at Ministerial or Director-General level in Beijing and Freetown.

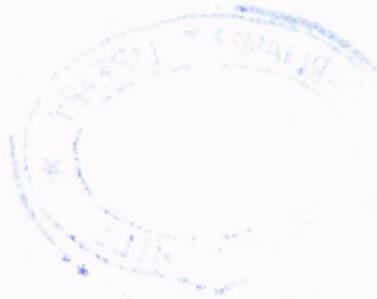
Sierra Leone and China collaborate on various areas of Economic and Technical Cooperation. The purpose of the Consultation Mechanism is to enhance the existing cooperative relationship between the two countries in political, economic and trade, educational, cultural, security, consular and other fields; actively explore new areas and ways of cooperation; promote



the implementation of cooperation; address relevant problems; and encourage closer exchanges and cooperation between departments, local governments, civil organizations and enterprises of both countries.

**CABINET DECISION**

Cabinet approved the proposal as presented by the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.



Sonia U. Karim (Ms.)  
for: Secretary to the Cabinet and Head  
of the Civil Service

**20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

