

## PRESS STATEMENT

Even though the long-standing industrial action has gravely affected us as students, it's prudent to note that the Academic Staff Associations of different universities and polytechnics across Sierra Leone and the government reached a sagacious agreement that is welcoming to all students in Sierra Leone. In conjunction with that, the various students' union presidents who issued a press release with an ultimatum mentioned therein extend our sincere thanks and profound appreciations to president Bio, ASA, and different administrators for according us the opportunity to again access our classrooms.

Going forward, we kindly ask all affected students to go back to their classrooms and positively prepare their minds for future responsibility, which is good for our beloved Sierra Leone. Also, it's worthwhile to forward a truckload of appreciations to radio stations, TV, and News Papers for standing on our side as we struggled to defend and safeguard our future which was going down the gutter. We will ever remain grateful and continue to imbibe the realistic spirit of nationalism and patriotism, which are integral ingredients to nation building.

We are not oblivious of the fact that the second wave of Covid-19 is quite disastrous thus the reason for the lockdown in Freetown. However, we beseech NACOVERC to grant students the chance to travel in and out of Freetown with a strict Covid-19 test. This will enable them to access classes as immediately as expected. In that regard, students must be given priority to receive their test results without delay. We however advise all students to strictly adhere to all Covid-19 safety protocols and guidelines stipulated by NACOVERC.

As we return to the classrooms with happiness, we also want to encourage the government to look into the Limkokwing issue and find a long-lasting solution for the betterment of Sierra Leone. We also want to reiterate the need for National Union of Sierra Leone Students (NUSS), which is charged with the responsibility to man the affairs of students across Sierra Leone and must be reinstated forthwith.

In conclusion, we are expressing a heartfelt appreciation to all students for exercising patience in the midst of a cauldron of intense emotion. As elected leaders, we will ensure to echo your voices and agitate your welfare.

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## Sign:

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