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PRESS RELEASE

**ACC COMMENCES INVESTIGATIONS INTO CORRUPTION ALLEGATIONS
RELATING TO THE RENOVATION OF THE SIERRA LEONE CHANCERY
BUILDING IN NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) wishes to inform the general public that its attention had been drawn to allegations of grand corruption with regard the renovation and/or re-construction of the Sierra Leone Chancery Building in Manhattan, New York City, United States of America involving over **Four Million United States Dollars (USD \$4,000,000.00)** transferred for that purpose since 2011 to 2019.

The Commission wishes it to be known that it had commenced forensic and comprehensive investigations into the allegations and that the Head of Chancery and other persons of interest to the management of the finances of the Chancery have been recalled to post, to assist with the speedy investigation and conclusion of the investigations, statements are being taken from them and have been kept in custody since Friday, 28th May, 2021. We have also recovered documents and records relevant to the investigation and they are being analyzed by our forensic analysts.

The Public will be promptly informed of progress made with the investigations.

In this regard, the Commission wishes to reassure the public of its commitment to pursue corruption anywhere and to address all levels of corruption throughout Sierra Leone.

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