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All Peoples Congress

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Dear Uncle Osman,

**REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE AND POPULARISING OF THE  
5TH OCTOBER 1991 CONSTITUTION OF ALL PEOPLES CONGRESS (APC)**

Exactly 30 years ago today, **on September 3rd 1991**, late Speaker of Parliament, William Niaka Stephen Conteh, submitted Sierra Leone's brand new Multi-Party Democratic Constitution (Act No.6 of 1991), with Section 35 included therein, to H.E. President Major-General (rtd) Dr. Joseph Saidu Momoh GCRSL; according to the wishes of the people of Sierra Leone in a referendum conducted on 23rd, 26th, 28th and 30th days of August 1991 - following Parliament passing the Bill on 1st July 1991 after its introduction by the then Attorney-General Hon. Dr. Abdulai Osman Conteh. H.E. President J.S. Momoh then appended his signature to assent to the new Sierra Leone Constitution on 24th September 1991.

In cognisance of that Section 35, our APC Leader of blessed memory, President J.S. Momoh, immediately set in place the motions to call up an APC National Delegates Conference with a primary agenda being to re-write the then-extant APC Constitution so APC's internal organization shall conform to democratic principles; which was a prerequisite for APC to continue to exist and not become de-registered or declared unfit for existence under Act No.6 of 1991.

So it was that, **30 YEARS AGO**, the APC became the first political party to have its Constitution brought in line with the dictates of Section 35 of the new Sierra Leone Democratic Constitution. This reflects aspirations of the membership of APC at a duly constituted National Delegates Conference.

That is how the APC party, on **October 5th 1991**, adopted a "more democratic" Constitution by APC delegates in their **FULL NUMERICAL COMPLEMENT**.

As APC now proceeds to hold a LIMITED NUMERICAL COMPLEMENT delegates' conference in two weeks time to adopt a purportedly "more democratic" Constitution, I once again remind you of imperative need to restore the dignity



of the History of this our glorious party by releasing for public consumption the legitimate, 30 years old, democratic APC Constitution of October 5th 1991.

You will recall that, **for over two years now**, I have been urging the National Chairman & Leader Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma, members of the National Advisory Committee and yourself on reasons for imperative need to publish our October 5th 1991 Constitution; not least because of great urgency to ensure pertinent records – **including at the Law Courts** – reflect APC is an innately democratic political party that, at its own normal state of existence, abides by dictates of Section 35 of the 1991 Sierra Leone Constitution although APC may currently find itself buffeted by a dictatorial, shortsighted Leadership placing APC at risk.

Sir, in exactly two weeks time, our party will be holding a National Delegates Conference to adopt what has been described by you in court papers as a **“more democratic”** Constitution for our great APC party. My attempt to **CONTEST** to be **ELECTED** as a delegate from Kailahun’s Constituency 002 to that conference, was blocked by you Sir, under the guise of what your representative at the Venue said; that you had not **“ordained”** me to contest.

However, it is with above reference of a “more democratic” Constitution that I am writing to formally draw your attention, alongside that of the general APC membership and the entire Sierra Leone polity, to what transpired in our great party exactly 30 years ago under the leadership of the blessed late APC Leader H.E. the President Major-General (rtd) Dr. Joseph Saidu Momoh GCRSL.

As we approach this month’s court-ordered National Delegates Conference, the **urgent** need to immediately popularize October 5th 1991 APC Constitution cannot be over-stated. Uncle Osman, please release and popularize it **NOW** Sir.

I will end by reminding you of my fully paid, card-carrying membership status.  
Yours sincerely,



**COMRADE DR. SYLVIA OLAYINKA BLYDEN OOR.**

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COPY: All APC Party Members through Branch Secretaries  
COPY: Master & Registrar of the High Court of Sierra Leone  
COPY: Members of Political Parties Registration Commission  
COPY: Citizens and Friends of Sierra Leone in and out of the Diaspora  
COPY: Dean of the Diplomatic Corps (for re-distribution to all Diplomatic Missions)