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STATEMENT ON THE SUSPENSION OF SIERRA LEONE'S AUDITOR GENERAL

The Institute for Governance Reform (IGR) has learnt, with shock and dismay, the unexplained suspension of Sierra Leone's Auditor General, Madam Lara Taylor-Pearce. We find it particularly difficult to understand this decision given the fact that Madam Taylor-Pearce has for over a decade, provided high-quality service to Sierra Leone's supreme audit body to the point of becoming a beacon of integrity in the field of public financial management.

As an institution promoting state accountability and good governance, and given the reputation that the Auditor General has built over the years, we are appalled by this move, particularly coming just weeks before the release of the annual audit report.

We urge the government to disclose the reasons for her suspension and take steps to speedily resolve this situation with the view to reassuring the people of Sierra Leone that it remains committed to effective public financial management.