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PRESS RELEASE

SIERRA LEONE'S BIGGEST OPPOSITION PARTY LEADER & CHAIRMAN STANDS DOWN (NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACCEPTS WITH PROFOUND GRATITUDE)

In its Press Release of 13 April 2022, the Office of His Excellency Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma, Former President of the Republic of Sierra Leone and Chairman & Leader of the All Peoples Congress (APC) party, officially confirmed and communicated the decision of the Chairman and Leader not to contest for any position in and during the forthcoming National Delegates' Conference (NDC) of the Party to enable him play the role of an Elderly Statesman.

The National Advisory Committee (NAC) at its Emergency Meeting held at Party Headquarters on Saturday 16th April, 2022, paid tribute to and recognized the enormous and invaluable contribution of the former President to national cohesion and development and voted unanimously to accept his decision with profound gratitude.

The NAC acknowledges that the decision of the former President brings to an end a long, difficult but memorable journey under his leadership during which the APC regained its strength following years of oppression, persecution and outright violence against the Party by the 1992/1996 Military Junta only to emerge after 2002 under the astute leadership of President Koroma as the most popular political party in the country and able to regain governance for two terms from 2007 to 2018. At the end of his two terms, former President Koroma's legacy has been one of peace and democratic consolidation, respect

for human rights, national unity and cohesion, fight against corruption and national infrastructural development.

The National Advisory Committee is therefore comforted and inspired by his outstanding service to his country, Africa and the International Community in general. His recent role in elections observance and promotion of democracy through 'preventive diplomacy' on the troubled continent of Africa underscores the need for him to transition from national to international service. The Committee therefore wishes to appeal to the rank and file of the Party to understand and accept that our Chairman and Leader has only taken a strategic decision to stand down from his position as Chairman & Leader and not resign from the All Peoples Congress Party.

On behalf of the general membership and supporters of the APC, the National Advisory Committee extends its profound gratitude to the outgoing Chairman and Leader and wishes him the best in his future international role.

Long Live All Peoples Congress!

God Bless the Republic of Sierra Leone!

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Amb. Dr. Alhaji Osman Foday Yansaneh

National Secretary General - All Peoples Congress (APC)