

## SIERRA LEONE GOVERNMENT

## PRESS RELEASE

The general public is hereby informed that considering the prevailing inflation trend, which has adversely impacted on the exchange rate of the Leone to the United States Dollar and other currencies, the Government of Sierra Leone represented by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Immigration Department, held extensive consultations and negotiations with stakeholders and the e-passport Contractor — HID CID Limited (represented by NETPAGE) in a bid to adjust the cost of the sale of e-passport to reflect the current exchange rate of the Leone to the US\$, as indicated in the e-passport Contract.

To this end, with a view to fully implement the provisions of the e-passport contract, with particular reference to the cost of sale of e-passport, which is US\$100 or its equivalent in Leones, the new cost of the sale of e-passport, as adjusted to reflect the prevailing exchange rate of US\$100, is LE 1,300,000. The new cost of the sale of e-passport shall take effect on Wednesday 11th May 2022.

