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### THE NOMINATION FEES OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, MEMBERS OF LOCAL COUNCILS AND VILLAGE HEADMEN

BY STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 13 OF 2012 WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON 10TH SEPTEMBER 2012, THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON IT BY SECTION 166 OF THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 PRESCRIBED THE UNDERMENTIONED NOMINATION FEES TO BE PAID TO THE NATIONAL RETURNING OFFICER IN RESPECT OF CANDIDATES CONTESTING THE NOVEMBER 17, 2012 ELECTIONS:

- PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE - ONE HUNDRED MILLION LEONES
- ORDINARY MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT - TEN MILLION LEONES
- PARAMOUNT CHIEF MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT - TEN MILLION LEONES
- CHAIRPERSON OF LOCAL COUNCIL - FIVE MILLION LEONES
- ORDINARY MEMBER OF LOCAL COUNCIL - ONE MILLION LEONES
- VILLAGE HEADMAN (WESTERN AREA) - FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND LEONES

FOLLOWING REPRESENTATION MADE TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT CONCERNING THE PRESCRIBED FEES, A MEETING WAS CONVENED AT STATE HOUSE ON THURSDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2012 WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF PARLIAMENT, THE POLITICAL PARTIES REGISTRATION COMMISSION (PPRC), THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (NEC) AND TEN POLITICAL PARTIES - THE APC, SLPP, CDP, NDA, PDP, PLP, PMDC, UDM, UNPP AND RUPF TO DISCUSS THE MATTER.

IT WAS AGREED AT THE MEETING THAT SINCE THE NEW PRESCRIBED FEES HAD ALREADY BEEN PASSED INTO LAW, THE COMPROMISE IS TO REVERT TO THE OLD FEES THAT WERE PAID FOR THE 2007 ELECTIONS, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT GOVERNMENT WILL ABSORB THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE OLD AND NEW FEES FOR CANDIDATES REPRESENTING POLITICAL PARTIES AS A WAY OF PROMOTING DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS IN SIERRA LEONE. THE FEES WILL NOW BE AS FOLLOWS:-

- PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE - ONE MILLION LEONES
- ORDINARY MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT - ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND LEONES
- PARAMOUNT CHIEF MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT - ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND LEONES
- CHAIRPERSON OF LOCAL COUNCIL - ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND LEONES
- ORDINARY MEMBER OF LOCAL COUNCIL - ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND LEONES
- VILLAGE HEADMAN (WESTERN AREA) - ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND LEONES

THIS AGREEMENT WILL ONLY BE APPLICABLE FOR THE NOVEMBER 17, 2012

ELECTIONS.  
END  
STATE HOUSE  
FREETOWN  
13TH SEPTEMBER 2012