

Office of the President State House Freetown, Republic of Sierra Leone

19th June 2025

The Minister

Ministry of Public Administration & Political Affairs Youyi Building, Brookfields Freetown.

Dear Mr. Minister,

STRATEGIC REPOSITIONING OF THE APRM PROCESS TO THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (MoPED)

By the Authority vested in the Presidency, His Excellency Brigadier (Rtd.) Dr. Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, hereby directs that the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) and its governance architecture be transferred from the Ministry of Public Administration and Political Affairs to the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development (MoPED), effective immediately.

The APRM National Secretariat shall operate independently in line with the Revised APRM Statute, retaining full responsibility for all technical, administrative, and operational functions. The National Governing Council shall serve in an advisory capacity only, akin to the Board of the Anti-Corruption Commission.

The Executive Secretary is instructed to notify the APRM Continental Secretariat of the directive and to formally introduce the Minister of Planning and Economic Development as the new National Focal Point.

The Secretariat is further directed to expedite all activities relating to the Second-Generation Review Process without delay. The Principal Executive Adviser to President and Head, Public Service Reform Unit will oversee the full handover within thirty (30) days, and together with MoPED submit an updated APRM integration framework within sixty (60) days.

All MDAs are required to cooperate fully to ensure smooth and timely implementation of this Executive directive.

Yours faithfully,

Barba B. Fortune Secretary to the President