



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF SIERRA LEONE  
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9<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

**HRCSL CONGRATULATES H.E. PRESIDENT BIO AND THE PEOPLE OF SIERRA LEONE**

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Sierra Leone was overwhelmingly elected by a vote of 188 Member States of the United Nation’s General Assembly to become a Non-Permanent Member of the UN Security Council for a period of 2 years commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024. Sierra Leone will join the other members of the UN Security Council whose primary duty is to maintain international peace and security. Sierra Leone was among 6 countries vying for the 5 Non-Permanent Member seats at the UN Security Council. The country’s bid followed an endorsement of both the sub-regional body, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the regional body, African Union (AU).

In this regard, the Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone which has a statutory mandate *to advise Government concerning preparation of periodic reports required by international human rights treaties or agreements to which Sierra Leone is a party* {Section 7(2) (e) of the HRCSL Act 2004} hereby proudly congratulates His Excellency, the President, Julius Maada Bio and the people of Sierra Leone for this remarkable achievement on the global stage.

The Commission extends its thanks and appreciation to the 188 Member States of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) who voted for Sierra Leone for a seat in the non-permanent category of the UN Security Council. This is in recognition of the international respectability, peace and security which the country continues to enjoy since the end of the decade long civil war in 2002.

The Commission further wishes to thank the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Prof. David Francis, Sierra Leone’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Alhaji Fanday Turay, the Deputy Permanent Representative, Dr. Michael Imran Kanu and all staff of the Mission for such extraordinary display of commitment to national duty.

The Commission extends special thanks and appreciation to ECOWAS and AU for their endorsement and to all development partners who worked tirelessly to achieve this great feat, which had eluded the nation of Sierra Leone for about 52 years.

The HRCSL uses this opportunity to assure the public that it will continue to play its advisory role in ensuring that the Government of Sierra Leone complies with its international obligations and uphold the protection and fulfilment of human rights for all in the country.

*Signed*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patricia Narsu Ndanema'.

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Patricia Narsu Ndanema (Mrs.)  
Chairperson

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