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Sierra Leone Advocacy Movement (SLAM) Demands Immediate Action to Address Democratic Crisis and Lack of Electoral Transparency in Sierra Leone

The Sierra Leone Advocacy Movement (SLAM) urgently calls upon the international community, including the United States Government, the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), and all democratic institutions, to take immediate and concrete measures to address the ongoing democratic crisis in Sierra Leone. The recent MCC scorecard awarding 10 out of 20 indicators to the Sierra Leonean government, despite widespread international condemnation and documented democratic violations, sets a dangerous precedent that threatens the fabric of democracy not only in Sierra Leone but across the region.

Key Issues:

- 1. Lack of undermine Transparency: The refusal to produce or publish the electoral results undermines the legitimacy of the current government. This lack of transparency is a direct violation of democratic principles and erodes public trust in the electoral process.
- 2. **Release of Political Prisoners:** We demand the immediate release of all political prisoners who have been unjustly detained. Their imprisonment is a blatant violation of their fundamental human rights and an affront to the principles of democracy and justice.
- 3. Adherence to Democratic Principles: The government of Sierra Leone must adhere to democratic principles, ensuring transparent and fair electoral processes. The current climate of political repression and lack of accountability undermines the trust and participation of the Sierra Leonean people in their governance.



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4. **Independent Review of MCC Scorecard Results:** We call for an independent review of the MCC scorecard results. The awarding of indicators to the current government, despite evident violations, needs to be scrutinized to maintain the credibility and integrity of the MCC and its commitment to promoting democratic governance.

International Appeal

Appeal to International Bodies: The Sierra Leone Advocacy Movement (SLAM) appeals to the United Nations, African Union, and ECOWAS to intervene and support efforts to restore democratic governance in Sierra Leone. The ongoing democratic violations and political repression require urgent international attention and action.

- 1. **United Nations:** We urge the United Nations to send a fact-finding mission to Sierra Leone to investigate and document human rights abuses and democratic violations. Immediate international oversight is crucial to ensure that justice is served, and democratic norms are upheld.
- 2. **African Union:** The African Union must take a proactive stance in addressing the democratic crisis in Sierra Leone. We call upon the AU to facilitate dialogue among Sierra Leonean political stakeholders and to support initiatives that promote transparency and accountability in governance.
- 3. **ECOWAS:** As a regional body, ECOWAS plays a pivotal role in maintaining peace and stability in West Africa. We request ECOWAS to convene an emergency summit to discuss the situation in Sierra Leone and to implement measures that encourage democratic reforms and protect human rights.

The Sierra Leone Advocacy Movement (SLAM) is committed to advocating for the rights, interests, and well-being of Sierra Leoneans both in the diaspora and at home. We stand united in our demand for justice, transparency, and democratic governance in Sierra Leone. We urge all concerned parties to act decisively to prevent further deterioration of democracy in our beloved country.



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- Ms Ursula Von Der Lyen, European Commissioner
- The United Nations Representative in Sierra Leone
- The Chief Executive Officer, Carter Center
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- Ambassador of Germany to Sierra Leone
- Ambassador of Lebanon to Sierra Leone
- Ambassador of Iran to Sierra Leone
- Ambassador of Brazil to Sierra Leone
- Ambassador of Sweden to Sierra Leone
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- Ambassador of Cuba to Sierra Leone
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- Ambassador of Guinea to Sierra Leone
- Ambassador of Liberia to Sierra Leone
- High Commissioner of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Sierra Leone
- High Commissioner of Ghana to Sierra Leone
- General Consul of Italy in Sierra Leone
- Honorary Consul-General of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in Sierra Leone
- Honorary Consul-General of Ireland in Sierra Leone
- Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Sierra Leone
- Honorary Consul-General of India to Sierra Leone
- Honorary Consul of Senegal to Sierra Leone
- Honorary Consul of Switzerland in Sierra Leone
- Honorary Consul of Syria in Sierra Leone
- Honorary Consul of Turkey in Sierra Leone
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- Honorary Consul of Ukraine in Sierra Leone
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