

**PROTOCOL FOR CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE**

The Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Sierra Leone, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties".

IN THE SPIRIT of the friendly ties and cooperation between the two countries;

WITH THE PURPOSE OF promoting bilateral relations in various fields;

PROCEEDING FROM the common interests for strengthening international peace and security;

ACKNOWLEDGING the usefulness of exchange of opinions and consultations between the two countries at different levels;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

- 1 The Parties shall hold regular consultations to review the implementation of agreements reached between the two States and to strengthen the process of wide ranging exchange of views on international and bilateral issues and interaction in the international arena.
- 2 The above mentioned consultations shall cover all important issues affecting the interests of both Parties, such as:
 - ❖ Issues under discussion at the United Nations and other international fora.
 - ❖ Issues connected with the prevention of conflicts and peaceful settlement of international disputes.
- 3 Consultations shall be carried out, in principle, annually at different levels and alternately in New Delhi and Freetown and also, if necessary, at the United Nations and other International fora.
- 4 The Parties shall also cooperate on matters of mutual interest at the level of Embassy/High Commission/Consulate in third countries.



- 5 The Parties shall facilitate cooperation in research on foreign policy issues, exchange of archival documents and preparation of compendia of documents and materials pertaining to their bilateral relations.
- 6 The provision of this Protocol shall be without prejudice to any other treaties or agreements to which any of the parties has obligations.
- 7 The Protocol may be modified or amended by mutual written consent of the Parties.
- 8 This Protocol shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years. Thereafter, it shall automatically be renewed for successive periods of one (1) year at a time unless either Party notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate this Protocol at least 3 months in advance.
- 9 Any difference arising out of the interpretation on application of this Protocol shall be settled amicably by mutual consultations between the Parties through Diplomatic Channels.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments have signed this Protocol.

Done and signed at Freetown, Sierra Leone on this 13th Day of October, 2019 in two originals each in English and Hindi languages all texts being equally authentic. In case of doubt in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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