



**STATEMENT BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, ANTI-CORRUPTION  
COMMISSION SIERRA LEONE MR. AUGUSTINE FODAY NGOBIE AT THE  
TENTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF STATE PARTIES TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION  
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1. Thank you Mr. Chair and the Secretariat for the opportunity to address this august assembly, and wish to express satisfaction and optimism that the level of achievement so far is encouraging and believe that, there is need for our respective countries to do more in ensuring full compliance to the recommendations of the Convention.
2. Mr. Chair, also permit me to Congratulate you, the Secretariat and ALL State Parties on the Twentieth (20th) Anniversary of UNCAC on the global theme; **“Uniting the World against corruption”**, localized in Sierra Leone to **‘Walking against corruption for a better Sierra Leone’**.
3. It is important to state that, Sierra Leone has made significant progress in tackling corruption through our preventive strategy in line with Article Two of the Convention.
4. Sierra Leone, through the ACC has undertaken reviews of over Fourteen (14) Ministries, Departments and Agencies, with the view to strengthening service delivery, integrity and accountability.
5. Moreover, Sierra Leone has experienced the successful implementation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Generation of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy (2019-2023) with an average 90 percent compliance rate by Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs). The ACC has also introduced Integrity Pledges and Pacts aimed at promoting integrity, transparency and accountability in the award of contracts and other investments undertaken by Government.
6. Currently, Sierra Leone is at an advanced stage in the development of the 5<sup>th</sup> Generation National Anti-Corruption Strategy 2024-2028, which will outline the preventive measures to undertake to address the problem of corruption in Sierra Leone, in tandem

with the Government's Big Five, which are the Game Changers for building an inclusive and prosperous Sierra Leone.

7. In the areas of Technical Assistance and International Cooperation, Sierra Leone has provided technical support to Anti-Corruption agencies in sister countries such as, Liberia, Guinea, Banjul-the Gambia and Uganda.
8. Sierra Leone is remarkable for having one of the strongest anti corruption Laws in the sub region, the Anti-Corruption Act of 2008. In fact, the Amendment in 2019 also ushered in many positive things in regard the fight against corruption.
9. Since 2019 there is an established Special Anti-Corruption Division within the High Court of Sierra Leone, with modern facilities/equipment and dedicated Judges, demonstrating the unwavering Presidential Will from His Excellency the President, Brigadier (Rtd.) Dr. Julius Maada Bio, with over 90 percent conviction rate of overall anti-corruption cases charged to Court.
10. Sierra Leone through the ACC has RECOVERED over THREE MILLION UNITED STATES DOLLARS (USD\$3M) as monies from the corrupt and paid same into the CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND (Government coffers). It has also RECOVERED Two (2) Toyota Landcruiser Prado vehicles and a Two Storey Hotel Building in Koidu City, Eastern Sierra Leone which are properties acquired from corrupt proceeds-all of an estimated value of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND UNITED STATES DOLLARS (\$USD 200,000).
11. Mr. Chair, Sierra Leone is ranked so favorably in National and International Corruption Perception Indices. In the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) scorecard, for instance, the country has consistently recorded outstanding scores in the mandatory 'Control of Corruption' Indicator; 76 percent recorded in the recently released 2023 Scorecard. Sierra Leone has moved 20 places upwards on the Global Corruption Perception Index (CPI), from 130 in 2017 to 110 in 2022, with a current score of 34, above the Sub-Saharan average, and the highest the country has ever recorded, since the CPI rankings began.
12. **I THANK YOU!!**