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VICTOR KAMARA,
Clerk of Parliament.

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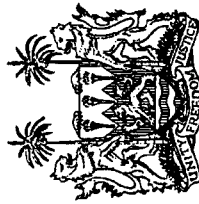
VICTOR KAMARA,
Clerk of Parliament.

SIGNED this *day of* _____, 2009

ERNEST BAIKOROMA,
President.

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No.



The National Youth Commission Act, 2009.

Short title.

Being an Act to establish the National Youth Commission, to empower the youth to develop their potential, creativity and skills for national development and for other related matters

7 Date of commencement.

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ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in this present Parliament assembled.

PART I - PRELIMINARY

Interpretation. 1. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires-

“Board” means the Board of Directors established by section 3;

“Commission” means the National Youth Commission established by section 2;

Act No. 1 of 2004. “local council” means a local council established under the Local Government Act, 2004;

“youth” means any person between the ages of fifteen and thirty-five;

“youth-serving organisation” means a governmental or non-governmental body providing services and other assistance to the youth;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for the youth;

PART II – ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION

Establishment of National Youth Commission. 2. (1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the National Youth Commission.

(2) The Commission shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and capable of acquiring, holding and disposing of any property, whether movable or immovable and of suing and being sued in its corporate name and subject to this Act, of performing all acts that bodies corporate may by law perform.

(3) The Commission shall have a common seal the use of which shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Commissioner and any other member of the Board designated for that purpose by the Board.

3. (1) The governing body of the Commission shall be the Board of Directors.

(2) The Board shall consist of-

- (a) a Chairman;
- (b) four persons representing the Western Area and the three Provinces;
- (c) two persons representing youth groups;
- (d) the Financial Secretary;
- (e) the Permanent Secretary; and
- (f) the Commissioner who shall be secretary to the Board.

(3) The persons referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) shall be appointed by the President on the advice of the Minister and subject to the approval of Parliament for their knowledge and experience in matters relating to the youth.

4. The Board shall have responsibility to-

Functions of Board.

- (a) provide guidance to the Commission in relation to the functions of the Commission;
- (b) monitor the effectiveness of the Commission in the performance of its functions and identify and address any gaps or weaknesses in the implementation of youth programmes;
- (c) prioritise national youth issues and ensure that the Commission adheres to the priorities; and
- (d) advise the Minister on matters relating to government youth policies.

5. (1) The Chairman and the other members of the Board referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection (2) of section 3 shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(2) Where a person is elected as Chairman or appointed as a member to fill a vacancy, he shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the previous Chairman or other member, as the case may be, and shall, subject to this Act be eligible for re-appointment.

8. (1) The Board shall meet for dispatch of business at a place and time as the Chairman may decide but shall meet at least once every three months. Meeting of Board.

(2) The Chairman shall, at the request in writing of not less than four other members of the Commission, call an extraordinary meeting of the Board at a place and time he may determine.

(3) The Chairman shall preside at the meetings of the Board and in his absence the members present shall elect one of their number to preside.

(4) The Board may at any time co-opt any person to act as an adviser at its meeting but the co-opted person shall not be entitled to vote on any matter for decision by the Board.

(5) A member of the Board who has any interest, whether direct or indirect, in any matter being considered by the Board, shall disclose the nature of his interest to the Board and the disclosure shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board and the member shall not take part in any deliberation or decision of the Board relating to that matter; and a member who contravenes this subsection shall be guilty of misconduct and liable to be removed from the Board.

7. (1) Where the Chairman or other member of the Commission resigns, is removed from office or is absent from Sierra Leone for a continuous period exceeding three months or is by reason of illness unable to perform the functions of his office-

- (6) The quorum at a meeting of the Board shall be five.

(7) Decisions of the Board shall be made by a majority of the votes of the members present and where the votes are equal, the Chairman or other person presiding shall have a casting vote.