

**CONSOLIDATED SECOND PROTOCOL TO THE MANO RIVER
DECLARATION:**

**PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ADOPTION,
RATIFICATION, DEPOSIT AND REGISTRATION OF THE
MANO RIVER DECLARATION**

WE, THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE MANO RIVER UNION;

IN FURTHERANCE of the aims and objectives of the Mano River Union;

CONSEQUENT on the decision as recorded in the Eighth Article of the MANO RIVER DECLARATION;

RECOGNISING the need to establish principles and procedures for the adoption, ratification, deposit and registration of the Mano River Declaration and its Protocols as amended;

MINDFUL of the importance of observing the requirements of International Law and of National Procedures in the building of the Union;

DO HEREBY ESTABLISH THIS PROTOCOL TO THE DECLARATION:

FIRST, That the subject matter of a PROTOCOL shall arise from the aims and objectives of the Mano River Union as set out in the MANO RIVER DECLARATION;

SECOND, That PROTOCOLS shall be issued under the following circumstances;

When the Union Ministerial Council takes a decision on any matter not directly or indirectly related to any other matter already provided for in an existing PROTOCOL and it is desired to embody the decision in a final Act signed by the Heads of State and Government and publicly recommended so as to have formal legal force and effect.

THIRD, That all PROTOCOLS and amendments thereto shall be an integral part of the MANO RIVER DECLARATION;

FOURTH: That a PROTOCOL shall require the recommendations of the Union Ministerial Council and approval of the Union Summit of Heads of State and Government prior to ratification in accordance with the internal procedures within Member States;

FIFTH,: That any arrangement which may be embodied in a PROTOOL to the MANO RIVER DECLARATION shall in as much as it constitutes an International Convention among Contracting States, be given the force and effect of law in the Member States through their appropriate internal procedures.

SIXTH: That the Member States through such procedures as may be appropriate shall have complied with preceding Article not later than on the date that shall have been specified in the PROTOCOL or otherwise agreed among the Member States.

SEVENTH That the Member States shall upon completion of the afore-mentioned requirements deposit their Instruments of Ratification with the Secretary-General of the Union and the day the last Instrument of Ratification has been deposited shall be the day on which the relevant Protocol shall have entered into force among the Member States.

EIGHTH. That the Secretary-General shall notify the Member States of the deposit of the Instrument of Ratifications and of the date on which the relevant Protocol has entered into force.

NINTH: That the Secretary-General of the Union shall be required and is authorized to register for and on behalf of the Member States of the MANO RIVER DECLARATION and/or any of its PROTOCOLS and any Amendment(s) thereto with the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity, the Economic Community of West African States and with an other International Organizations as the Member States may from time to time direct.

TENTH, That Protocols after entry into force may be amended. All amendments shall require the recommendation of the Union Ministerial Council, the approval and signature of the Heads of State and Government thereafter be ratified. Following ratification, the amendment(s) shall enter into force on the day

on which the last Instrument of Ratification is deposited with the Secretary-General of the Mano River Union.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF We, the Heads of State and Government of the Member States of the Mano River Union have hereunto affixed our respective signatures.

DONE at.....

this.....day of..... in the year One Thousand

Nine Hundred and Eighty in three Originals, two in the English Language and one

in the French Language, each text being equally authentic.

FOR THE REPUBLIC
OF SIERRALEONE

FOR THE REPUBLIC
OF LIBERIA

FOR THE PEOPLES
REVOLUTIONARY
REPUBLIC OF
GUINEA