

CONSOLIDATED FOURTH PROTOCOL TO THE MANO RIVER DECLARATION:

EXPANDING THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE MANO RIVER UNION

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

IN CONFORMITY with the spirit of the Mano River Declaration and Protocols relating thereto to promote an ever closer integration economically, socially and culturally among the countries of the Sub-Region of West Africa;

IN PURSUANCE of the objectives of the Union particularly in the areas of Economic, Social and Cultural integration within the Member States;

RECALLING the decisions of the Council of Ministers held at Freetown, 24-26 March, 1980 and at Monrovia, 15-16 September, 1980 to review the structure and Protocols to the Mano River Declaration;

DESIROUS of enlarging the aims and objectives of the Union;

DO HEREBY ESTABLISH THIS PROTOCOL TO THE DECLARATION:

FIRST, that the end product or the purpose of the Union shall be the promotion of cooperation and development in all areas of economic activity particularly in Commerce, Industry, Transport and Communications, Agriculture, Natural Resources, Financial and Monetary matters as well as in the area of social and cultural affairs which would finally lead to Sub-Regional integration in these areas.

SECOND, consistent with the preceding article and in furtherance of the aims and objectives of the Mano River Declaration, the Member States do hereby agree as follows:

1. to eliminate among Member States all obstacles to the free movement of persons, goods, services and capital

within the Union.

2. to implement a common policy of cooperation and development in all areas of economic activity particularly in Commerce, Industry, Transport and Communications, Agriculture, Natural Resources, Financial and Monetary Matters as well as in the area of social and cultural affairs which would finally lead to sub-regional integration in these areas.

SECOND, Consistent with the preceding article and in furtherance of the aims and objectives of the Mano River Declaration, the Member States do hereby agree as follows:

1. to eliminate among Member States all obstacles to the free movement of persons, goods, services and capital within the Union.
2. to implement a common policy of cooperation and development in the areas of agriculture, animal production fisheries, and forestry.
3. to establish a common programme for the development of transport, communication and energy.
4. to promote and harmonize an equitable system of industrial development within the Member States through the promotion of joint and planned projects. to determine, establish and implement investment policies as well as compensation policies relating to the loss of revenue that may result from harmonized tariffs.
6. to secure and mobilize internal and external policies for the financing of Union projects as well as the creation of requisite financial institutions.
7. to establish a common monetary system.
8. determine and implement a common policy for the development of research, training, health, the arts, sports, and culture.

9. to promote coordinated external policies among the Member States in order to reinforce their efforts in economic and other related affairs on the international scope.
10. to undertake such other activities incidental to attaining the aims and objectives of the 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 SIERRA LEONE

FOR THE REPUBLIC
OF LIBERIA

FOR THE PEOPLE'S
REVOLUTIONARY
REPUBLIC OF
GUINEA