

**CONSOLIDATED EIGHTH PROTOCOL TO THE MANO RIVER  
DECLARATION:  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNION TECHNICAL COMMISSION  
FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH**

**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;

**CONSCIOUS** of the need to coordinate and maximize the use of existing education, training and research facilities;

**RECOGNISING** the need for expansion of education, training and research facilities within the Mano River Union;

**DESIROUS** of promoting industrial and economic progress by the encouragement of education, training and research;

**AGREEING** that in order to pool the Union's resources any duplication nationally in the establishment of Training and Research Institutions and facilities must be avoided;

**DECIDING** for the purpose of the foregoing to create a Union Technical Commission for Education, Training and Research under the overall authority of the Union Ministerial Council;

**DO HEREBY ESTABLISH THIS PROTOCOL TO THE DECLARATION:**

**FIRST, THE UNION TECHNICAL COMMISSION FOR  
EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH**

1. There shall be established a Union Technical Commission for Education, Training and Research (hereinafter called "The Commission") which shall be subordinate to the Union Ministerial Council.

2. The Commission shall consist of:

(a) MEMBERS

Representatives of the following Ministries and Agencies:

Education, Economic Planning or Development, International Cooperation, Agriculture, Finance, Recruitment or Establishment or Civil Service Agency, Institutions of Higher Learning and Secretary-General of the Mano River Union or his Representative.

(b) OBSERVERS

1. The Administrative Head of any Union Training and Research Establishment set up in consequence of this Protocol;
2. Such other specialists as the Commission may invite for a specific Meeting for their specialized knowledge that from time to time may be required;
3. One representative each from the Member States representing the Labour Unions and Organizations.

**SECOND,**

**FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION**

1. The Commission shall perform the following functions:
  - (a) to recommend to the Union Ministerial Council the creation of Union Training and Research Establishments;
  - (b) to recommend to the Union Ministerial Council a ratio for the contributions of each Member State to the costs of Union

Training and Research Establishments based on expected use of the facilities of these establishments;

- (c) to recommend to the Union Ministerial Council annual Member States' contributions to the Budget of the Union Training and Research Establishments;
- (d) to recommend to the Union Ministerial Council the temporary suspension of the operations of any Union Training and Research Establishments;
- (e) to recommend to the Union Ministerial Council the termination of the activities of the Union Training and Research Establishments;
- (f) to establish, where necessary, an Advisory Committee for any Union Training and Research Establishment whose membership shall include other interests and whose functions shall be:
  - i) to advise the Head of a Union Training and Research Establishment on all matters relevant to the operations of the Union establishment;
  - ii) to review and approve the curriculum of a Union Training and Research Establishment;
  - iii) to review and approve the Research Programme and proposals of a Union Research Establishment.
- (g) to examine and recommend to the Union Ministerial Council such other measures as are consistent with the aims

and objectives of this Declaration and Protocol as amended.

**THIRD, PROCEDURE OF THE COMMISSION**

The procedure of the Commission shall be as follows:

1. The Office of the Chairman shall be held by the representative of the Ministry of Education from each Member State elected annually rotationally and in alphabetical order and shall hold office for a year until the next Ordinary Meeting of the Commission;
2. In the absence of the Chairman from a Meeting of the Commission, an Interim Chairman shall be elected from the Member State of the incumbent Chairman;
3. Each Member State shall be represented at every Meeting of the Commission;
4. The Commission shall meet at least once a year and the Secretary-General may after consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman convene special meeting of the Commission;
5. The decisions of the Commission shall be arrived at by consensus; where the Members fail to reach a consensus on any specific matter it shall be referred to the Union Ministerial Council for decision.
6. The Commission shall regulate its own proceedings and shall establish such other rules of procedure as may be considered necessary subject to the provisions of this Protocol.

**FOURTH, ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TRAINING AND RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENTS**

1. Any Union Training Establishment created in accordance with this Protocol shall be administered by the Secretary-

General in a manner prescribed by the Commission;

2. The Administrative Head or anyone he so designates of a Union Training or Research Establishment shall in particular:
  - (a) administer the daily running of the Union Training or Research Establishment;
  - (b) ensure that standards of teaching and research are observed as laid down by the Commission;
  - (c) supervise all staff;
  - (d) represent the Union Training or Research Establishment in all dealings with Governments, International or National Agencies and private parties, provided that any proposed agreement with a third party shall be made subject to the approval of the Secretary-General;
  - (e) prepare the Annual Budget and Annual Report for submission to the Secretary-General;
  - (f) appoint, promote, suspend, dismiss or terminate within the limits of the budget, staff of categories as shall be specified by the Secretary-General in Conformity with Staff and Regulations;
  - (g) establish training and research procedures;
  - (h) establish standards and procedures for admission subject to the confirmation of the Commission;
  - (i) take all other administrative measures which may be necessary for the smooth operation of the Union Training or Research Establishment.

**FIFTH, LAND**

The Member States undertake to ensure that all land necessary

for the establishment and expansion of any Union Training or Research Establishment located in their respective territories shall be made available to the Union free of charge.

**SIXTH, TRAINING AND RESEARCH FEE**

The Commission shall recommend to the Union Ministerial Council any Union Training and Research Fee or equivalent charge for private entities, individuals and third countries for the purpose of financing Union Training or Research activities.

**SEVENTH, RELATIONSHIP TO NATIOAL PROCEDURES**

Each Member State shall undertake to enact such laws as may be necessary for the purpose of collecting any training and research fees.

**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