

**CONSOLIDATED NINTH PROTOCOL TO THE MANO RIVER
DECLARATION:
ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNION TECHNICAL
COMMISSION ON INDSTRY AND TRADE**

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 execute projects which will further the aims and objectives set forth in the MANO RIVER DECLARATION and the Protocols as amended;

DO HEREBY ESTABLISH THIS PROTOCOL TO THE DECLARATION:

**FIRST, THE UNION TECHNICAL COMMISSION ON
INDUSTRY AND TRADE**

1. There is hereby established a Union Technical Commission for Industry and Trade (hereinafter called "The Commission" which shall be subordinate to the Union Ministerial Council;
2. The Commission shall consist of the representative(s) from the Member States representing the Ministries and/or Agencies responsible for Economic Planning and/or Development, International Co-operation, Industry, Trade, Finance, and the Secretary-General of the Mano River Union or his representative.

SECOND, FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission shall perform the following functions:

1. to make proposals to the Member States to take decisions in implementing the Union Investment Incentives, granted under investment Incentive

Contracts;

2. to take measures concerning Industry, Customs and Trade within the Union as provided in the Mano River Union Declaration and its Protocols as amended.
3. to examine and recommend to the Union Ministerial Council such other functions as are consistent with the aims and objectives of this Protocol as amended.

THIRD, PROCEDURE OF THE COMMISSION

1. The following Rules and Procedures for the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Union Technical Commission on Industry and Trade are hereby established:
 - a) the Chairman of the Commission shall be elected rotationally from each Member State and shall hold office until the following meeting of the Commission;
 - b) the Chairman shall be elected from the Delegation of the Member State hosting the meeting of the Commission;
 - c) the First Vice-Chairman of the Commission shall be elected from the Delegation of the member which is scheduled to host the next meeting of the Commission; whilst the Second Vice-Chairman shall emanate from the other Member State.
2. In the absence of the Chairman from a Meeting of the Commission, a Chairman or Interim shall be elected from the Member State of the incumbent Chairman.
3. that the Commission shall meet at least once a year and the Secretary-General may after consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman convene a special

meeting of the Commission.

4. Each Member State shall be represented at every Meeting of the Commission.
5. The decision 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 to the provisions of this Protocol.

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