MEMO: FROM THE SECRETARIAT, C4C PARTY SIERRA LEONE

**FAO: C4C EXECUTIVES, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, COUNCILLORS AND
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

**SUBJECT: OFFICIAL C4C PARTY POSITION & RATIONALE FOR THE BOYCOTT
OF THE BINTUMANI III (B3) CONFERENCE**

DATE: 22ND MAY 2019.

The C4C Party is diametrically opposed to the holding of the BINTUMANI III (B3)
CONFERENCE at this time due to the following reasons:

1. The SLPP Government has treated the C4C Leader with contempt and disrespect with no
    regard for his status as Former Vice President of Sierra Leone;

2. International treaties and/or protocols to which Sierra Leone is a signatory (i.e.
    ECOWAS), have been flouted, contrary to pronouncements uttered by the President (both
    in office and as the main opposition leader when he sought the mandate of the people of
    Sierra Leone), and these actions have portrayed His Excellency the President as a man
    that cannot be trusted; and his actions have positioned Sierra Leone negatively on the
    global geopolitical landscape, to which the C4C cannot be party;

3. Actions taken by this government at national and regional levels, such as fraudulent
    electioneering processes, (for example; the District Youth Council elections recently),
    have actively fueled divisions rather than facilitate social and national cohesion. This
    renders B3 hypocritical at best;

4. B3 is premature and untimely as KEY STAKEHOLDERS that should be part of a
    national dialogue process have been strategically marginalized and maligned by the
    government of the day, even though some actors of government are now professing the
    contrary;

5. A lack of comprehensive consultation leading up to the public announcement of the
    program date and agenda has resulted in unpreparedness by MAJOR PLAYERS inside
    and outside of Sierra Leone; which has effectively disenfranchised the Diaspora from the
    proposed B3 Conference;

6. Consequent upon the failure to significantly involve an APOLITICAL body, such as the
    INTER RELIGIOUS COUNCIL, in the overall planning and arranging of the
    Conference, has resulted in the dampening of the enthusiasm of those stakeholders who
    already feel maligned and maltreated by the SLPP Government, including the Diaspora.

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CONCLUSION

Without the participation of all relevant stakeholders, the proposed B3 Conference will not play any meaningful role to the achievement of peace, security and cohesion in Sierra Leone.

The approach taken by the government of the day undermines the genuine desire for national cohesion in the country.

C4C as a Party will not subscribe to an attempt to mislead the people of Sierra Leone.

We are in support of a NATIONAL CONFERENCE in which the process of organizing and arranging the elements of such a program is; inclusive, participatory, well-intentioned and geared towards strengthening national cohesion.

The B3 process clearly lacks the prerequisite features for its intended purpose.

FOOTNOTE

As a political party in Sierra Leone, the C4C hierarchy have ample channels through which it can engage government on our party grievances and challenges, and we have been active in doing so (to wit, the Gbense Market Chairlady debacle, the removal of state security from our leader being the Former Vice President, the refusal to pay benefits due to the Leader of the Party, the fraudulent Kono District Youth Council elections etc.), so given that the B3 Conference is NOT the place to address such issues, as stated by the event organizers, it makes sense for the C4C party to give the general populace, and in particular, our individual C4C members, who may find it challenging to voice their personal feelings to the government, the space to engage His Excellency directly at the B3 Conference.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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