**Cover Note for CM – SIC Report**

Special Investigation Committee (SIC) was set up by the President on August 24, 2022 to investigate 8th -10th August 2022 protests. A report with recommendations was submitted to the President on Thursday April 13, 2023.

The Committee’s findings were that though there were incessant complaints of youth unemployment and marginalisation, substance abuse, economic hardship and food insecurity, were not a justification for the level of violence perpetrated in some parts of the country. The indications are that they may have genuinely contributed to the August 8th to 10th incidents with rogue politicians exploiting this reality to their political advantage. Social media was awash with hate messages and tribal bigotry perpetrated by one Will Kamara, alias Adebayor, and his cohorts under the umbrella of the People’s Power in Politics (PPP).

The President on receipt of the SIC report on April 13, 2023; assured the nation that the recommendations will be implemented to prevent a reoccurrence of the incident.

In an effort to initiate the implementation of recommendations, I have done a deep dive in the SIC recommendations and has identified and categorized them into short term (very crucial for immediate action) , long term for implementation and facilitators identified to ensure recommendations are fully implemented (find attached). The implementations of the short term recommendations are imperative for government for peace and National Cohesion in Sierra Leone.

I would like to propose that the Independent Commission for Peace and National Cohesion (ICPNC) take a lead role for efficient and effective implementation of all the recommendations of SIC including my suggested recommendations (attached). Key facilitators identified could meet to identify who is doing what and where; in an effort to implement the recommendations. Facilitators will also agree on which recommendation they would like to implement and the scope and time frame for implementation.

It will be great to have further discussions with you (CM) and Dr Gaima on what is required for an effective implementation of the imperative recommendations .