



# POLITICAL PARTIES REGISTRATION COMMISSION

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The Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC) in a letter dated 5th March 2013 requested the Chairman and Leader of the Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP) to submit Financial Documents and Transactions in relation to financial donation by the Government of Nigeria.

In a letter addressed to Mr John O. Benjamin, the Commission reminded the SLPP Chairman that the Commission has the Constitutional and Statutory Mandates to Register, Monitor, Supervise and Regulate the Conduct of Political Parties in Sierra Leone. “Pursuant to these Mandates, the Commission has been monitoring events in your Party relating to the utilization of funds donated by the Nigeria Government through its High Commission in Sierra Leone” the letter added.

In view of the aforesaid, the Chairman of the Commission, Hon. Justice M.E. Thompson now request a submission of all financial details on the said donation to the Commission on Thursday 7th March, 2013 before close of business. This request is made in line with the Statutory Powers of the Commission. Section 26 (1) of the Political Parties Act (Act No. 3 of 2002) states that:

“The Commission may in writing request any political Party or an officer of that party to furnish for inspection by the Commission records required to be maintained under Section 25 or such other information as is reasonably required by the Commission to enable it ensure that the provisions of this Act are complied with”

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