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### **Political Party representatives making their pledges in the presence of the PPRC Chairman**

Representatives of the ten registered political parties in Sierra Leone on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014 declared their support towards the work of the Constitutional Review Committee (CRC). Reading their pledges at a one day engagement with political parties organised by the Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC), political parties assured the PPRC and the people of Sierra Leone that they will ensure that everything is done within the ambit of the law.

Political Parties promised to refrain from making any statement that will endanger the work or lives of members of the Constitutional Review Committee or even the nation as a whole and that they shall at all times support the process and will encourage their membership to wholly support the process to the end.

In his opening remarks, the Chairman of the PPRC, Hon Justice M.E. Tolla Thompson says the review of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone will enhance the nascent democracy of Sierra Leone. The PPRC he says is a creation of the 1991 Constitution and the Political Parties Act of 2002. The functions of the Commission he says, is not only limited to the registration and supervision of the conduct of political parties but to also monitor the accountability of political parties to its membership and the electorates and to promote political pluralism and the spirit of constitutionalism among political parties.

Giving his keynote address, the Chairman of the Constitutional Review Committee Justice Edmond Cowan admonished political parties to take the interest of the people at heart and to take the exercise very seriously. Political Parties he says must come together in the process, meet and discuss with their people to ensure that the views of the people are factored into the reviewed constitution that will be taken to the people.

Presentation on the Role of political parties in the Constitutional Review Process by Dr. Ramadan Dumbuya and Women's Advocacy and Gender Equality by Mrs Yasmin Fofanah formed the highpoint of the workshop.

After these presentations, all ten registered political parties presented their party's position papers on the Constitutional Review Process.



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