



SLPP UK and IRELAND BRANCH

**Mr. Jacob Jusu Saffa,
National Secretary-General
Sierra Leone Peoples party
15 Wallace Johnson Street,
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26th October 2009.

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

POSITION OF THE SLPP UK AND IRELAND BRANCH Re: REVISED NATIONAL CONSTITUTION MATTER

Let me in the first instance thank you and the National Executive Committee (NEC) for extending an invitation to the SLPP UK and Ireland Branch to attend the forthcoming National Executive Committee meeting on 31st October 2009 in an observer capacity as you deliberate on the concerns raised by certain members of our party regarding Clause 4.4.5 and other provisions of the Revised National Constitution.

We as a Branch have had the opportunity to study the Revised National Constitution, and whilst we may understand the argument from those who may wish to have the afore-mentioned Clause and other provisions amended, we believe there was an opportunity to have resolved this matter at the National Delegates' Conference in Kenema in March 2009.

We do not in any way seek to question the right or motives of those who may have concerns with certain provisions of the Revised Constitution.

We hold strong to the view that there is a case for the party to have a fresh look at the Constitution in the near future, with a view to accommodating/addressing the concerns of those who may have issues with the document. However, we believe that apart from correcting a few editorial errors, it will be ill-advised at this stage to engage in any amendments to the Constitution.

We therefore want our position known to the NEC that they should proceed with the registration of the said Revised National Constitution of the party with the Political Parties Registration Commission without further delay.

We want to use this opportunity to appeal to all sides in the Constitutional debate to exercise maximum restraint and sensitivities in discussing this matter, given the full political implication for us as a party.

Please be assured of our highest consideration.

Thank you

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Kenneth Brima
Secretary-General
UK and Ireland Branch

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1. Mr. John Benjamin, National chairman, SLPP
2. Constitutional Review Committee
3. All SLPP Members