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Armed Forces Revolutionary Council  
(Establishment of Council of Secretaries) Decree,  
1997

Short title.

[10th July, 1997] Date of com-  
mencement

PURSUANT to paragraph 3 of the Proclamation entitled "Administration of Sierra Leone (Armed Forces Revolutionary Council) Proclamation, 1997", published in the *Gazette* on the 28th day of May, 1997, the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council hereby makes and issues the following Decree:—

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| Commencement.  | 1.     | This Decree shall be deemed to have come into force on the 10th day of July, 1997.   |
| Establishment of Council of Secretaries.                           | 2.     | There is hereby established a Council to be known as the <b>COUNCIL OF SECRETARIES</b> which shall be directly and collectively responsible to the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council.   |
| Composition of Council of Secretaries.                             | 3.     | The Council of Secretaries shall consist of -- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Chief Secretary of State who shall be the head of the Council of Secretaries, and</li> <li>(b) other Secretaries of State that the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council may from time to time appoint.</li> </ul>  |
| Functions of the Council of Secretaries.                           | 4.     | The Council of Secretaries shall -- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) be responsible for the preparation and consideration of policy papers or matters and shall advise the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council and make recommendations on all matters of good governance;</li> <li>(b) execute the policies and directives of the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council.</li> </ul> |
| Meetings of the Council of Secretaries.                            | 5.     | The Chief Secretary of State shall convene regular meetings of the Council of Secretaries over which he shall preside and in his absence the Chairman of the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council shall appoint another person to preside from amongst members of the Council of Secretaries.  |
| Establishment of office and functions of Chief Secretary of State. | 6. (1) | There is hereby established the office of Chief Secretary of State.  |
|  | (2)    | The Chief Secretary of State shall be responsible for communicating the policy decisions and directives of the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council to the Council of Secretaries and conveying the decisions of the Council of Secretaries to the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council.   |

*(Establishment of Council of Secretaries) Decree*

(3) The Chief Secretary of State shall submit to the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council regular reports from the Secretaries of State regarding the operations in their respective Departments of State.

(4) The Chief Secretary of State shall be the co-ordinating Secretary who shall receive and collate regular reports from the Secretaries of State for submission to the Council regarding the work of their Departments and the implementation of the policies of the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council and may submit to the Council proposals for legislative changes.

(5) The Chief Secretary of State shall effect the publicity of, and cause notice of the policies of the Council to be circularised or communicated generally through the machinery of Government.

(6) Whenever the Office of the Chief Secretary of State becomes vacant, or the person holding that Office dies, resigns, retires, is absent from Sierra Leone or is removed from Office or is for any other reason unable to perform the functions of his Office, the Chairman of the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council shall appoint another person in his place from amongst members of the Council of Secretaries.

7. (1) A Secretary of State shall exercise Ministerial responsibility for a Department of State or such other business of Government as the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council may from time to time assign to him.

Functions of Secretary of State.

(2) A Secretary of State shall be entitled to such remuneration, allowances, gratuities and other incidents of office as may be prescribed by the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council.

8. The Chief Secretary of State and every other Secretary of State shall take and subscribe the oath of office as set out in the Schedule hereto.

Oath of Office.

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Secretary to  
the Council of  
Secretaries.

1. (1) -There shall be a Secretary to the Council of Secretaries whose office shall be a public office.

(2) The Secretary to the Council of Secretaries shall be appointed by the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council in consultation with the Public Service Commission.

(3) The functions of the Secretary to the Council of Secretaries shall include—

- (a) having charge of the Secretariat of the Council of Secretaries;
- (b) responsibility for arranging the business for, and keeping the minutes of, the Council of Secretaries; and
- (c) any other functions that the Council of Secretaries may from time to time assign to him.

(4) The Secretary to the Council of Secretaries shall take and subscribe the oath of office as set out in the Schedule hereto.

Change of title  
in Act.

16. In every enactment continued in existence by virtue of the Administration of Sierra Leone (Armed Forces Revolutionary Council) Proclamation, 1997, relating to the Ministries and Departments of Government, any reference to President, Vice-President, Minister or Cabinet shall be construed as a reference to the office or person with responsibility for the subject-matter to which the enactment relates, and any reference to "Ministry" shall be read as "Department".

SCHEDULE

Oath of the Chief Secretary of State, Secretaries of State and the Secretary to the Council of Secretaries.

"I, .....  
DO HEREBY (in the name of God/Allah swear) (solemnly affirm) that I will faithfully and truly discharge the duties of the Office of ..... of the Republic of Sierra Leone, and that I will support, uphold and maintain the provisions of the Administration of Sierra Leone (Armed Forces Revolutionary Council) Proclamation, 1997 (Public Notice No. 3 of 1997) and the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of Sierra Leone, 1991 which are not inconsistent with the Proclamation. (So help me God/Allah)."

MADRID ISSUED this 12th day of July, 1997.

MAJOR JOHNNY PAUL KOROMA  
Chairman,  
Armed Forces Revolutionary Council.

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