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LIST OF NEW GOVERNMENT COMMITMENTS

	Governance Area	Prospective Commitments	Timeline	Status
1.	Political Democratic Governance			
	- Human rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of the Human Rights Status in the country • Domestication of Human Right Laws and Government fulfilling reporting requirements • Development and implementation of an Action Plan for the implementation of the recommendations from the TRC report. • Provide support for the development and implementation of HRCSL 3-Year Strategic Plan 2009-2011 • HRCSL to conduct investigations, public inquiries and monitoring of key human rights issues • Provision of permanent head office premises for HRCSL • Support Regionalisation and Decentralisation of the HRCSL service delivery • Establish and operationalise the TRC Follow-up Committee • Completion of Constitutional Review Process and adoption of new constitution 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>End March 2010</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>November 2009</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>End Dec 2011</p>	
	- Fundamental freedoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice Sector Reform Strategy and Investment Plan (2008-2010) reviewed and revised • Amended Local Courts Bill passed through Parliament 	<p>End Sept 2010</p> <p>End March 2010</p>	
	- Electoral process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government continue to support NEC and PPRC with sufficient core funding from the national budget to enhance the capacity of these institutions • NEC has the requisite capacity to conduct the 2012 elections • PPRC maintains regular dialogue amongst political parties in the months leading to the 2012 elections • NEC and PPRC continue to operate as independent entities. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>End Dec 2012</p> <p>End Dec 2012</p> <p>End Dec 2012</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government allows national and international observers to freely observe the 2012 and 2013 general and local elections respectively. General and local elections conducted in a free and fair manner. 	End Dec 2012 End August	
	- Principles of constitutional democracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that constitutional provisions with regards to preparation of all financial reports are respected. Auditor General to present Audit Reports to parliament in accordance with the Government Budgeting and Accountability Act 	Draft Account ready by end March each year for the previous year.	
2.	Political governance - rule of law			
	- Judicial and law enforcement system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening the provision of security at the Lungi International Airport to address the threat of terrorism, arms, drugs and human trafficking, subversion and other Strengthening of the established Precious Mineral Intelligence and Investigation Unit to deter smuggling, corruption and narcotic trafficking 	End Dec 2010 End Dec 2012	
3.	Control of corruption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coverage and verification of assets declared Systems for the prevention of corruption strengthened Strengthen the Implementation of NACS. 	End Dec 2009 End Dec 2010 End Dec 2010	
4.	Government effectiveness			
	- Institutional capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementing the civil service reform work plan adopted in March 2008 Undertake a comprehensive civil service reform including pay reforms Operationalise the Civil Service Training Policy Ensure that functions are devolved as per the schedule and local Government Act. Capacity building and harmonization of laws for decentralisation process Revision of the Local Government Act Adoption of a Chiefdom Governance Reform Policy. 	End Dec 2013 End Dec 2013 End Dec 2011 Ongoing End Dec 2010 End Dec 2010 End Dec 2012	
	- Public finance management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full implementation of the Integrated Public Financial Management Reform Programme. Bringing the publication of the Annual Public Accounts, Audit Reports and Quarterly publication of un-audited accounts up to date 	End Dec 2013 Annually	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of recommendations from PETS • Progress towards implementing the procurement legislation, achieving a more transparent and competitive procurement systems. • Drafting of Financial Administration Regulation for Local Councils 	Ongoing End Dec 2010 End Dec 2011	
5.	Economic governance			
	- Private sector/market friendly policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the Action matrix of the Diagnostic Trade Integrated Study (DTIS) • Revision and enactment of relevant laws to facilitate investment and private sector development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Intellectual Property Laws b) Competition Policy Law and a Consumer Law c) Law and Policy on special Economic Zones • Strengthen SLIEPA to carry out investments and export promotion activities • Fully functional Sierra Leone Standards Bureau to develop standards that are regionally and internationally recognised • Strengthen the National Coordinating Committee on Trade to guide trade policy formulation, implementation and monitoring • Develop and implement a comprehensive national trade sector development plan • Strengthen the Office of the Registrar General to facilitate the registration of businesses 	2009-2012 End Dec 2010 End Sept 2010 End June 2011 End June 2013 End June 2010 End June 2010	
	- Management of natural resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement an EITI implementation plan. • Enactment of the New Minerals Act • Adopt the principles of the EITI in the mining sector • Implementation of Fisheries Management Plan 	End Dec 2013 End July 2013 End Dec 2010 End Dec 2013	
6.	Internal and external security			
	- Internal stability / conflict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLP Infrastructure Development – rehabilitation and construction of various blocks and Police Station • Build capacity of SLP personnel • Continued role of Office of the National Security as central coordinator of the national security architecture • Strengthen the security system to prevent and combat trans-national organised crime 	End Dec 2010 Ongoing	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the national Youth Policy to reflect current circumstances 	End 2013	
	- External threats and global security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced cooperation with Mano River Union countries on issues relating to border security and security sector reform lesson learning 	Ongoing	
7.	Social governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formulation of a National Employment Policy Implement the three Gender Acts Continuous implementation of the HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan 2006-2010 	End Dec 2012 Ongoing Ongoing	
8.	International and regional context			
	- Regional integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet the full compliance of relevant ECOWAS protocols Participate fully in the ECOWAS Monetary Corporation Programme (EMCP) leading to the single currency 	Ongoing	
	- Involvement in regional peer review mechanisms (e.g. APRM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Putting in place an Independent and Functioning APRM - NGC Secretariat, popularization of the APRM process , national consultation and assessment Receiving APRM Continental Review Mission for assessments 	Ongoing Ongoing At Regular Intervals	
	- Migration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and strengthen partnerships in migration and development Streamline the process of remittance transfers Encourage the engagement of Diaspora in development 	End Dec 2011 End Dec 2012 Ongoing	
9.	Quality of partnership			
	-Political dialogue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued engagement into dialogue with political parties Submit the Freedom of Information Bill to Parliament for ratification 	Ongoing End June 2012	
	-Programming dialogue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using DEPAAC and other existing frameworks for dialogue development partners Adoption of the Sierra Leone Aid Policy Document Intensify the Open Government Initiative 	Ongoing End Dec 2009 Ongoing	
	-Non state actors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced dialogue between government and Non-State Actors (NGO, private sector, unions, religious leaders etc.) Enactment of a new NGO Policy and Regulations 	Ongoing End Dec 2012	