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PERFORMANCE AUDIT REPORT ON THE MANAGEMENT OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES Tabled IN PARLIAMENT

Freetown, Sierra Leone – 16th July, 2020: The Auditor-General of Sierra Leone wishes to inform the public that the **Performance Audit Report on the Management of Government Vehicles** has been tabled in Parliament on Thursday 16th July, 2020.

The management of government vehicles involves the processes of acquisition, registration, maintenance and disposal. The Ministry of Transport and Aviation (MTA) oversees the formulation of policies and ensures that those policies are adhered to. The Sierra Leone Roads Safety Authority (SLRSA) is an autonomous body of the MTA and has the responsibility to regulate and coordinate all vehicle related issues within Sierra Leone.

The Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) has spent huge sums of money on the management of its vehicles. Between 2014 and 2017, the GoSL spent the sum of Le515 billion on acquisition, registration and maintenance of its vehicles. This does not include vehicles procured directly by Ministries Department and Agencies (MDAs). Despite this amount spent by government, MDAs are still in need of vehicles to run their day-to-day operations. There have also been reported cases of mismanagement and disorderly handling of government vehicles ranging from looting to abandonment in garages and other unideal places around the country.

It is against this background and the Auditor-General’s mandate, as enshrined in Section 119 (2) of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone, that the Audit Service Sierra Leone carried out a performance audit on the management of government vehicles, to assess whether government vehicles were effectively managed by the MTA and the SLRSA between 2014 and 2017.

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