

MONROVIA DECLARATION

Concerning the Initiative to Establish the
Parliament of the Mano River Union (MRU)

We,

Honorable Segepoh Solomon Thomas, Speaker
of the House of Representatives of the
Parliament of the Republic of Sierra Leone,

Honorable Richard Nagbe KOON, Speaker of the
House of Representatives of the Parliament of
the Republic of Liberia,

Honorable Dr. Dansa KOUROUMA, President of
the National Transitional Council of the
Republic of Guinea, and

Honorable Adama BICTOGO, Speaker of the
National Assembly of the Republic of Côte
d'Ivoire,

Meeting in Monrovia, Republic of Liberia, on July 20, 2025, as part of a working session aimed at seeking the support of the Heads of State of the Mano River Union member countries for the establishment of a parliamentary body for the Union;

Considering:

The founding objectives of the Mano River Union (MRU), created in 1973, to promote regional integration, peace, stability, and development among its member states;

The need to deepen the integration dynamic by involving elected national representatives in the spirit of inclusive democratic governance;

The legitimate aspirations of the peoples of the Mano River Union member states to participate in decision-making processes concerning their shared future;

The shared values of solidarity, culture, and common history that unite our nations as members of a shared community of destiny;

We reaffirm that:

Strengthening sub-regional institutions requires an integrated parliamentary approach, complementary to the actions of the Heads of State;

Supporting the initiative to establish a Mano River Union Parliament would be an institutional step forward in the sub-regional integration process. The creation of this parliament, which necessitates the will and approval of the respective Heads of State, aims to:

Strengthen sub-regional democratic governance through the representation of the people;

Promote human rights and social justice;

Harmonize national legal and legislative frameworks, thereby facilitating economic, social, security, and environmental integration among member countries;

Create a permanent framework for dialogue between the people and institutions to prevent conflicts, strengthen social cohesion, and encourage lasting peace;

Support sub-regional initiatives in human security, climate resilience, sustainable development, and shared prosperity;

Promote active parliamentary diplomacy through exchange of experiences, joint missions, and enhanced solidarity among member states.

Guided by the shared vision of peace, democratic governance, and socio-economic integration that drives the Mano River Union,

We call upon the Heads of State of the Mano River Union to champion and support this strategic initiative through high-level political guidance.

This declaration represents our firm and shared commitment to work towards a Mano River Union with an ambitious, representative, and effective framework of exchange, in service of our peoples. It opens a new chapter in the history of our sub-region, grounded in citizen participation, parliamentary solidarity, and the joint construction of our common future.

Pending guidance from our Heads of State, we agree to establish an Interparliamentary Union of the Mano River Union member states.

Done in Monrovia, on July 20, 2025.