

1. The Fund takes this decision relating to Sierra Leone's exchange measures subject to Article VIII, Sections 2 and 3, and in concluding the 1983 Article XIV consultation with Sierra Leone, in the light of the 1983 Article IV consultation with Sierra Leone conducted under Decision No. 5392-(77/63), adopted April 29, 1977 (Surveillance over Exchange Rate Policies).

2. Sierra Leone's exchange system involves restrictions on payments and transfers for current international transactions, including external payments arrears, and a multiple currency practice, as described in SM/83/202. Sierra Leone continues to maintain bilateral payments agreements with Fund members. The Fund urges the authorities to reduce reliance on exchange restrictions, including the associated multiple currency practice, and to eliminate the bilateral payments agreements with Fund members.

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