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Mr Kofi A Annan Secretary General UNITED NATIONS



Dear Secretary-General

I refer to your letter of 5 April 2006 requesting additional Australian support for the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

Australia is pleased to pledge a further voluntary contribution of A\$300,000 for the Special Court's operations. This pledge is made in recognition of the Special Court's continuing good progress since 30 November 1996 in bringing to justice those responsible for committing serious violations of international humanitarian law, and Sierra Leonean law. It reflects Australia's commitment to efforts to deter and punish those who commit the gravest crimes of international concern.

This pledge will bring Australia's total voluntary contribution to the Special Court for Sierra Leone to A\$600,000, following three previous voluntary contributions of A\$100,000 each in 2001, 2003 and 2005.

Australia commends the work of the Special Court for Sierra Leone and its efforts to bring those responsible for committing atrocities to justice.

Yours sincerely

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Special Court for Sierra Leone

Please find following a letter from the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs informing the Secretary-General that Australia will contribute an additional A\$300,000 to the Special Court for Sierra Leone. I would be grateful if you could pass the letter to the Secretary-General.

Warm regards,

Ben Playle

Legal Adviser

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