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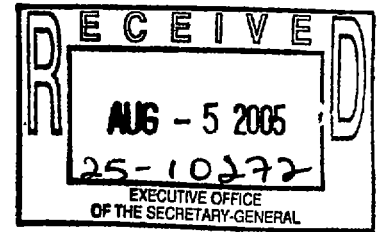
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Note to the Secretary-General

Through: Mr. Mark Malloch Brown




Special Court for Sierra Leone: Pledging Conference – 30 September 2005

1. The Management Committee of the Special Court at its meeting on 24 June 2005 requested that a pledging conference for the Special Court for Sierra Leone be held in September 2005 in order to seek voluntary contributions from Member States to finance the Court's activities for the period 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006. Funding through assessed contributions as authorised by General Assembly resolution 59/294 of 22 June 2005 will come to an end on 31 December 2005 following which the Court will become entirely dependant upon voluntary contributions.
2. Recently, when the General Assembly adopted the above-mentioned resolution, it appealed to Member States, as a matter of urgency, to contribute voluntary funds in support of the Court and requested you in concert with the Court's Management Committee to redouble efforts to raise voluntary contributions to support the work of the Court and to report on progress made to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session.
3. We have drafted the enclosed letter for your signature that invites Member States to the pledging conference on 30 September 2005 at 10: 00 a.m. The draft has been reviewed by the Controller, the Registrar of the Court and the Members of the Management Committee. It includes in its Annex details of the Court's activities to date. The final paragraph of the Annex states that US\$ 25 million will be needed in order to finance the Court's activities for 2006. As the Court is still not clear on how much money it will need for 2007 including costs relating to its completion and post-completion phase, we thought it advisable for the pledging conference to focus on funding for 2006. This allows for a further appeal at a later date for 2007.
4. The Management Committee has requested, subject to your availability, that you open and chair the pledging conference at 10: 00 a.m. on 30 September 2005. We will also be requesting that a high-ranking member of the Sierra Leonean Government (possibly the Attorney-General) and the Permanent Representative of Canada, being the country that chairs the Management Committee, make statements as well. This will be followed by statements from Member States attending the conference. Mr. Michel or myself will be available to take over as Chair should you not be able to remain for the entire meeting. The outgoing Registrar, Mr. Robin Vincent has agreed to attend in order to answer

questions of a financial or administrative nature relating to the Court. The Controller's Office has also agreed to be present.

5. Should you agree to open the pledging conference on 30 September 2005, this Office will provide you with a draft statement well in advance together with an Agenda of the meeting.

5 August 2005

 Ralph Zacklin

cc: Mr. Nicolas Michel
Mr. Warren Sach
Mr. Robin Vincent