

**Security Council**

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Letter dated 29 October 2010 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

The members of the Security Council thank you for your letter dated 6 October 2010 (S/2010/560), in which you draw their attention to the difficulties faced by the Special Court for Sierra Leone with regard to its budget. They have also taken note of your proposal that the Council invite you to bring the matter to the attention of the General Assembly with a view to seeking the appropriation of funds to the Court, while preserving the independence of the Court.

Having consulted the Council members, I am pleased to inform you that, with the following understandings, they have no objection to your proposal with regard to supplementing voluntary contributions: it is not expected that there will be additional subventions for the Special Court for Sierra Leone; and the United Nations Secretariat, the Management Committee and the Registrar and other senior officials of the Special Court will intensify their efforts to fund the activities of the Court through voluntary contributions.

It is, of course, the understanding of Council members that any action you may take with the General Assembly on this issue will in no way affect the independence and structure of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, as established by the Agreement between the United Nations and the Government of Sierra Leone signed on 16 January 2002.

(Signed) **Ruhakana Rugunda**
President of the Security Council

