

## SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

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His Excellency Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General of the United Nations  
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Excellency,

I am writing to request your urgent assistance in ensuring the support of the U.N. Department of Peacekeeping Operations for the temporary transfer to Senegal of two detainees of the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

Detainees Sam Hinga Norman and Issa Hassan Sesay are scheduled to be transferred temporarily to Senegal for the purpose of medical treatment on 17 January 2007. In this respect, on 21 December 2006, I sent a request to your Special Representative in Liberia, Mr. Alan Doss, for a chartered plane from UNMIL for the transfer of the detainees from Lungi International Airport, Freetown to Dakar International Airport and for the return flight of the two accused in the course of mid-February 2007. It is my understanding that the Office of Missions Support of the U.N. Department of Peacekeeping Operations may have already started preparations to that effect. However, I have also been informed by a note from OLA dated 5 January 2006, shared with the Court by your Executive Representative in Sierra Leone, Mr. Victor Angelo, that your authorization is required before any support can be granted. I would therefore be most grateful if, consistent with the spirit and letter of resolution 1315 (2000) of 14 August 2000, and of the Agreement between the United Nations and the Government of Sierra Leone on the establishment of the Special Court for Sierra Leone of 16 January 2002, such authorization could be provided through the U.N. Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Office of Mission Support.

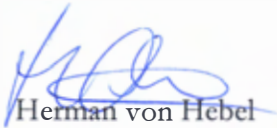
I would also like to take this opportunity to confirm that all legal requirements for the transfer of the detainees of the Special Court have been met. On 15 September 2006, an agreement was signed by the Special Court and the Republic of Senegal on the temporary stay, for medical reasons, of accused and suspects of the Special Court on the territory of Senegal. In addition, on 11 December 2006, the U.N. Security Council Sanctions Committee



concerning Sierra Leone accepted the request to waive the travel ban on Issa Hassan Sesay for the purpose of this travel.

Finally, I would like to confirm that all costs relating to the transfer would be borne by the Special Court.

Please, accept Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H. von Hebel', is written over the printed name.

Herman von Hebel

Deputy Registrar

For The Registrar

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