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**Agreement between the Government of the United
States of America and the
Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone
Regarding the Surrender of Persons to the
International Criminal Court**

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone, hereinafter "the Parties,"

Reaffirming the importance of bringing to justice those who commit genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

Recalling that the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court done at Rome on July 17, 1998 by the United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court is intended to complement and not supplant national criminal jurisdiction.

Considering that the Parties have each expressed their intention to investigate and to prosecute, where appropriate, acts within the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court alleged to have been committed by their officials, employees, military personnel or other nationals.

Bearing in mind Article 98 of the Rome Statute,

Hereby agree as follows:

1. For the purposes of this agreement, "persons" are current or former Government officials, employees (including contractors), or military personnel or nationals of one Party.
2. Persons of one Party present in the territory of the other shall not, absent the expressed consent of the first party:
 - (a) be surrendered or transferred by any means to the International Criminal Court for any purpose, or