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**Organisation des Nations Unies
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Échange de lettres constituant un accord entre l'Organisation des Nations Unies et le Gouvernement de Sierra Leone concernant la dénonciation de l'Accord entre l'Organisation des Nations Unies et le Gouvernement de Sierra Leone relatif à la création d'un Tribunal spécial pour la Sierra Leone. New York, 20 décembre 2013, et Freetown, 23 décembre 2013

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20 December 2013

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to Article 23 of the Agreement between the United Nations and the Government of Sierra Leone on the Establishment of a Special Court for Sierra Leone ("the Agreement"), which provides that "[t]his Agreement shall be terminated by agreement of the Parties upon completion of the judicial activities of the Special Court." Article 14 of the Agreement between the United Nations and the Government of Sierra Leone on the Establishment of a Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone provides, in part, that "[t]he Residual Special Court shall commence operations immediately upon the closure of the Special Court".

With reference to the letter of the Registrar of the Special Court for Sierra Leone to the Legal Counsel of the United Nations, dated 19 December 2013, and in accordance with Article 23 of the Agreement, I wish to propose that the Agreement be terminated on 31 December 2013, and that the Special Court for Sierra Leone accordingly ceases to exist on that date. In consequence, further to Article 14 of the Agreement between the United Nations and the Government of Sierra Leone on the Establishment of a Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone, the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone would commence operations on 1 January 2014. I would be grateful if you would confirm your Government's agreement to this proposal.

On behalf of the United Nations, allow me to congratulate the Government of Sierra Leone on the historic milestone represented by the forthcoming closure of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, on completion of its judicial activities. The success of the Special Court is, first and foremost, a legacy of the people of Sierra Leone. It has been an honour for the United Nations to partner with the Government of Sierra Leone

His Excellency
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