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SENIOR STAFF OF UNAMSIL APPRAISED OF UN RULES COVERING CIVILIANS AND MILITARY

Freetown, Sierra Leone, 4 August 2005 - Heads of Sections and senior staff members of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) have undergone a one-day appraisal seminar on the rules and regulations of the United Nations at the Mission's headquarters..

Declaring the meeting opened, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Ambassador Daudi Mwakawago, said, the objective of the programme was to familiarize the staff with the rules and processes of the disciplinary and administrative procedures of the UN, and how to make those rules work for them.

Legal Officer of UNAMSIL, Ms. Elizabeth Mends, conducted the workshop and added, the rules covered both minor and serious misconduct which should be investigated at a preliminary level by supplying all facts available, and that administrative decisions should be taken by the Mission, while disciplinary measures are to be taken by headquarter in New York.

The staff officers were very engaged in the discussions and raised a number of questions in order to ensure they understood the issues of zero tolerance.