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### **HEADS OF UN MISSIONS TO MEET IN SIERRA LEONE**

*Freetown, Sierra Leone* – Heads of UN Missions in West Africa will on Friday meet at the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) Mammy Yoko headquarters in Freetown to discuss issues related to inter-mission cooperation.

Special Representatives of the UN Secretary-General for Sierra Leone, Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire and head of the UN Peace building Support Office in Guinea Bissau, João Bernardo, will give presentations on major activities since their last meeting and on specific developments in the country they cover, including their impact on the peace process and regional security especially neighbouring countries.

Ambassador Daudi Mwakawago will present the current state of UNAMSIL's drawdown and eventual withdrawal plans, coupled with its regional implications, while Ambassadors Jacques Paul Klein of the UN Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) and Alan Doss of the UN Mission in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) will give a situation report on the Liberia-Ivorian border and the joint collaborative operations between UNMIL and UNOCI.

Issues such as small arms and light weapons and UN embargoes, in light of the recent Security Council Resolution 1584 (2005) embargo enforcement in Côte d'Ivoire, as well as of child trafficking will be discussed. The report of the Force Commanders' conference held in Dakar, Senegal will also be considered.

Also to attend the meeting are Special Adviser to the Secretary General for Special Assignments in Africa, Ibrahim Gambari, and Special Representative and head of the office of the Special Representatives of the UN Secretary-General in West Africa, Ambassador Ahmadou Ould Abdullah.