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OUTGOING GHANAIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER COMMENDED

Freetown, Sierra Leone, 20 October 2005 --- The out-going Ghanaian High Commissioner to Sierra Leone, Ambassador Kabral Blay- Amihere, has been commended for his contributions towards sustainable peace and security in the country.

The Special Representative of the Secretary General for Sierra Leone, Ambassador Daudi Mwakawago, made this commendation in his office yesterday when Ambassador Blay-Amihere paid him a farewell visit.

"You have left a big imprint on the sand of history in Sierra Leone... it has been a fantastic experience knowing and working with you." Ambassador Mwakawago stated.

The UN envoy also applauded the quiet but significant role the Ghanaian government has played in the peace process in Sierra Leone.

Ambassador Mwakawago commended the various Ghanaian contingents of UNAMSIL for their excellent display of professionalism and discipline which helped in accomplishing the mission's mandate.

Earlier, the outgoing Ghanaian High commissioner, Ambassador Kabral Blay-amihere, congratulated the SRSG for doing an excellent job in ensuring sustainable peace and security in Sierra Leone. He stated that he had gained tremendously from Ambassador Mwakawago's wealth of experience and his fatherly counsel which has had enormous influence on him in the performance of his assignment as Ghanaian High commissioner in Sierra Leone.

He also stated that he considered it a thing of pride to be identified with the SRSG, and to share in the success of UNAMSIL which as been described as the most successful peace UN mission.

Ambassador Blay-Amihere has been reassigned after four years service in Sierra Leone as Ghanaian High commissioner.