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UN Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations to Visit Sierra Leone Tuesday

Freetown, Sierra Leone – United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, Jean- Marie Guéhenno is scheduled to arrive in Freetown on Tuesday 23 November for a one-day visit as part of his mission to UN peacekeeping operations in West Africa. Mr. Guéhenno was in Liberia on Sunday and Monday.

While in Freetown, he will meet with Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sierra Leone, Ambassador Daudi Ngelautwa Mwakawago, and staff members and officials of UNAMSIL and UN agencies based in the country. The Under Secretary-General will also pay a courtesy call on Vice President of Sierra Leone, Solomon Berewa, and visit the Nineteenth Nigerian Battalion (NIBATT 19) headquarters in Freetown.

He will host a press conference at UNAMSIL's Mammy Yoko Headquarters at 16.40 hours.

The French diplomat has vast experience in defense and international relations in his country's Foreign Ministry where he served as head of cultural affairs of the French Embassy in United States and Director of the policy planning staff, and as Ambassador to the European Union.

Educated at the Ecole normale supérieure in Paris, Mr Guéhenno has also served as a member of the United Nations Secretary-General's Advisory Board on disarmament since 1999 and Chairman of the Institut des hautes études de defense nationale.

He is Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur and Commandeur de l'Ordre du mérite allemand.

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