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Ambassador Mwakawago Charges Freetown City Council to Embrace Culture of Tolerance and Accountability.

Freetown - The Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) for Sierra Leone, Ambassador Daudi Mwakawago, on Friday at the Miatta Conference Hall, Freetown called on the Mayor and Members of the Freetown City Council to eschew corruption and serve as role models by imbibing the culture of accountability, tolerance, social justice and the rule of law

Ambassador Mwakawago who was a Special Guest of Honor at the first anniversary celebrations of the Freetown City Council where he delivered a keynote address, described corruption as a cankerworm which eats deep into the resources and moral values of a society.

He cautioned the Council members to embark on an open and transparent administration that will keep the citizens informed of Council's programs and activities. "It is very important that citizens are well-informed of Council's programs and activities so as to allay fears and unwarranted rumours which are unhealthy to society" he stated.

The SRSG counseled the Council members to maintain frequent contacts with their constituencies, as this will not only make them understand the constraints council grapples with and appreciate their efforts and achievements, but also provide councilors with an opportunity to acquaint themselves with their feelings and aspirations. He further advised them to take advantage of the decentralization to address the people's welfare and development and provide incentives that will encourage initiatives.

The Chairman of the occasion and former Information Minister, Dr. Julius Spencer called on the council to embark on projects that will still make them relevant during the next elections, adding that the people will no longer vote for councilors who cannot deliver.

Earlier, while giving an overview of his administration, The Mayor, Mr. Winstanley Bankole Johnson, enumerated his achievements which included improved sanitation in Freetown as well as improved staff welfare condition aimed at motivating them for greater productivity.

Other speakers at the occasion included Ministers of Internal Affairs, Lands, Country Planning and Environment, and Local Government and Community Development