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Excellency,

As Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission's Sierra Leone Configuration, I am writing to draw your attention to the recently established Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Sierra Leone (SL-MDTF). As you will recall, the Commission welcomed the creation of a Multi-Donor Trust Fund at its Special Session on Sierra Leone held on 10 June 2009. The SL-MDTF will support the first fully integrated peacebuilding strategy for the entire UN family in Sierra Leone - the *Joint Vision for Sierra Leone* - which serves as an effective tool to maximize programme coordination and aid effectiveness.

I am pleased to announce that the Multi-Donor Trust Fund is now open to receive contributions. I would also like to appeal to all member states to contribute to the SL-MDTF and call in particular on non-traditional donors without local representation to consider the Fund as an effective channel for contributing to peace and stability in Sierra Leone.

Please note that the SL-MDTF is consistent with the Paris Declaration on Aid Efficiency, especially with respect to national ownership, alignment with national priorities, harmonization, and coordination. This initiative builds on extensive UN experience in managing and administering Multi-Donor Trust Funds. It also responds to the United Nations' *Delivering as One* reform initiative and the Secretary-General's efforts to improve the integration of political, development and humanitarian activities in the United Nations system. The SL-MDTF is administered by the UNDP Multi-Donor Trust Fund Office. For more information please visit [www.undp.org/mdtf](http://www.undp.org/mdtf).

I hope that your Government will seriously consider supporting the innovative approach to peacebuilding adopted by the UN system in Sierra Leone by contributing to the SL-MDTF, especially in the lead up to the Consultative Group Meeting on Sierra Leone to be held on 18-19 November 2009 in London.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Chairperson of the Sierra Leone  
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