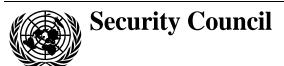
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Letter dated 9 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Burkina Faso to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to forward herewith the declaration of the Government of Burkina Faso on the situation in Sierra Leone.

I should be very grateful if this declaration could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Michel **Kafando** Ambassador Permanent Representative

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Annex to the letter dated 9 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Burkina Faso to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

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Declaration of the Government of Burkina Faso on the situation in Sierra Leone

The Government of Burkina Faso expresses its indignation and concern at the recent developments in the situation in Sierra Leone, particularly the attacks on United Nations peacekeeping forces which have resulted in the tragic death of several UNOMSIL peacekeepers and the abduction of many more.

It condemns those acts, which are likely to undermine the implementation of the Lomé Peace Agreements of 7 July 1999.

It appeals to the Revolutionary United Front to put an immediate end to such violations and to conform scrupulously to the spirit and the letter of the provisions of those Agreements.

Ouagadougou, 5 May 2000