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Letter dated 6 October 2000 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone addressed to the President of the Security Council

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Sierra Leone, in compliance with paragraph 2 of Council resolution 1306 (2000), submitted to the Committee, on 4 August and 20 September 2000, a proposed new mining, export and monitoring regime for rough and uncut diamonds from Sierra Leone, together with a draft new forgery-proof Certificate of Origin document and a copy of the Mines and Minerals (Amendments) Act of 1999.

In this connection, and in accordance with paragraph 5 of Security Council resolution 1306 (2000), the Committee, after careful consideration of the aforementioned request at its 16th and 18th meetings, held on 9 August and 29 September 2000, has no objection to the procedures to be implemented by the Government of Sierra Leone. Therefore, pursuant to paragraph 5 of Council resolution 1306 (2000), rough diamonds controlled by the Government of Sierra Leone through the Certificate of Origin regime shall be exempt from the measures imposed in paragraph 1 of the resolution. The Committee has requested the Government of Sierra Leone to disseminate samples of certificates and other related appropriate material before the resumption of diamond exports from Sierra Leone. The Government of Sierra Leone has also indicated that, after a trial period of approximately 90 days, it will notify the Committee on the effectiveness of the new regime in place. In this regard, the Committee will keep the Council informed accordingly.

I would appreciate it if this letter could be brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

(Signed) Anwarul Karim **Chowdhury**
Chairman

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