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Letter dated 30 March 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

With regard to the ninth report of the Secretary-General on Sierra Leone, more particularly paragraphs 88 to 90 of chapter VIII, my Government has instructed me to draw the attention of the Security Council to its interest in ensuring the conditions for repatriating Sierra Leonean refugees to Sierra Leone.

This operation will require the cooperation of UNAMSIL, which, within the framework of its mandate, could consider deploying its forces in the security zones that could receive the refugees in Sierra Leonean territory.

The Republic of Guinea, which for a decade has borne the weight of a massive presence of refugees in its territory, is determined to provide its full cooperation in order to ensure the success of such an operation.

The Guinean Government is convinced that the execution of the operation, as foreseen, will make it possible to ensure the security of the border areas where the refugees as well as humanitarian personnel are living.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) François L. Fall
Ambassador

