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**Letter dated 5 November 2003 from the Secretary-General
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I would like to refer to paragraph 11 of Security Council resolution 1408 (2002), in which the Council requested me to report every six months on whether Liberia has complied with paragraph 2 of resolution 1343 (2001), which demands that the Government of Liberia immediately cease its support for the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) in Sierra Leone and for other armed rebel groups in the region, and take the following concrete steps to that end:

(a) Expel all RUF members from Liberia and prohibit all RUF activities on its territory;

(b) Cease all financial and, in accordance with resolution 1171 (1998), military support to RUF, including all transfer of arms and ammunition, all military training and the provision of logistical and communications support, and take steps to ensure that no such support is provided from the territory of Liberia or by its nationals;

(c) Cease all direct or indirect import of Sierra Leone rough diamonds which are not controlled through the certificate of origin regime of the Government of Sierra Leone, in accordance with resolution 1306 (2000);

(d) Freeze funds or financial resources or assets that are made available by its nationals or within its territory directly or indirectly for the benefit of RUF or entities owned or controlled directly or indirectly by RUF.

As you will recall, my previous report pursuant to Security Council resolution 1408 (2002) was issued on 22 April 2003 (S/2003/466). However, because of the prevailing situation in the country, which necessitated the evacuation of United Nations personnel, it was not possible to gather the information needed to prepare the report for the subsequent six-month cycle.

Furthermore, in the light of the ongoing deployment of the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), and considering that the formation of the National Transitional Government of Liberia is still in the early stages, it will be necessary to defer the submission of that report until early 2004, in order to allow UNMIL and the National Transitional Government ample time to gather the requisite information and to conduct an assessment of the new circumstances on the ground, with a view to providing inputs that would enable me to prepare the report.

(Signed) Kofi A. **Annan**
