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## Letter dated 22 December 2005 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1626 (2005) of 19 September 2005, by which the Council authorized the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), subject to the consent of the troop-contributing countries and the Government of Sierra Leone, to deploy up to 250 United Nations military personnel to provide security for the Special Court for Sierra Leone. By the same resolution, the Council authorized a temporary increase in the UNMIL personnel ceiling, to a total of 15,250 United Nations military personnel for the period from 15 November 2005 to 31 March 2006 in order to ensure that the support provided to the Court does not reduce UNMIL capabilities during the phase of political transition in Liberia.

Following the usual consultations, it is my intention to include Mongolia, which has agreed to provide a military contingent for the protection of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, on the list of countries contributing troops to UNMIL.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. Annan

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