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**SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL LAUNCHES
UNAMSIL PERSONNEL CONDUCT COMMITTEE**

Freetown – At a town hall meeting of the staff of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) last week, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General launched the UNAMSIL Personnel Conduct Committee (UPCC).

The UPCC has been formed to undertake the following tasks:

- Develop and implement mass awareness programmes targeting civilian and military personnel on the Code of Conduct for UN personnel, with particular emphasis on the protection of vulnerable groups, including women and children;
- Receive allegations on misconduct and impropriety committed by members of the Mission;
- Propose and develop preventive and dissuasive strategies to all components of the Mission (military and civilian) in order to prevent and monitor misconduct of UNAMSIL personnel;
- Make recommendations on improvements to existing rules and regulations relating to personal conduct in line with administrative guidelines and procedures of the Mission;
- Recommend investigation by the Mission's appropriate authorities on all allegations of misconduct, sexual exploitation or abuse against women and children by UNAMSIL personnel. Local authorities will be informed as appropriate.
- Follow up on recommendations made.

A dedicated UNAMSIL telephone line will be made available for reporting misconduct cases. The public is also encouraged to report in writing any misconduct cases to the UPCC, if no telephones are available.

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The committee, chaired by the Chief of the Civil Affairs Section, includes representatives of the Personnel, Security, Child Protection, Public Information and Human Rights Sections of UNAMSIL, as well as of the Office of the Special Representative, Civilian Police (CIVPOL), Provost Marshal and the Force.