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**UN SECURITY COUNCIL SANCTIONS COMMITTEE ON SIERRA LEONE
ARRIVES IN FREETOWN**

Freetown – The Chairman of the United Nations Security Council Sanctions Committee on Sierra Leone, Ambassador Adolfo A. Zinser, arrived in Freetown today on a two-day visit to assess the current peace process and political developments in Sierra Leone.

The Committee was set up by the Security Council under Resolution 1132 of 8 October 1997 to monitor and report on violations of the arms embargo imposed against Sierra Leone when the democratically elected Government of President Ahmad Tejan Kabbah was overthrown by a military junta on 25 May 1997.

During his stay in the country, Ambassador Zinser is scheduled to hold discussions with President Kabbah and members of his cabinet, and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Sierra Leone, Ambassador Oluyemi Adeniji, as well as other senior officials from the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL).

He also plans to hold meetings with the UN Country Team, members of the diplomatic community, the leader of the Peace and Liberation Party, Mr. Johnny Paul Koroma, the leadership of the Revolutionary United Front Party and members of civil society.

Ambassador Zinser will also visit the eastern district town of Kenema and Koidu in Kono District where he will meet with UNAMSIL peacekeepers deployed in the area. He is expected to depart Freetown for Monrovia, Liberia, on Sunday, 30 June.