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6138th 9 June 2009	Fifth report of the Secretary-General on BINUB (S/2009/270)		<b>Rule 37</b> Burundi  <b>Rule 39</b> Executive Representative of the Secretary-General, Chair of the Burundi configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission	All invitees	
6236th 10 December 2009	Sixth report of the Secretary-General on BINUB (S/2009/611)		<b>Rule 37</b> Burundi (Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation)  <b>Rule 39</b> Executive Representative of the Secretary-General, Chair of the Burundi configuration of the Commission	All invitees	
6245th 17 December 2009	Sixth report of the Secretary-General on BINUB (S/2009/611)	Draft resolution submitted by France (S/2009/652)	<b>Rule 37</b> Burundi		Resolution 1902 (2009) 15-0-0

## 6. The situation in Sierra Leone

### Overview

During the period under review, the Security Council adopted two resolutions and received seven briefings by the Secretariat and the Chair of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission concerning the situation in Sierra Leone. The briefings focused on political and security situations and peacebuilding support activities. The Council established the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding

Office in Sierra Leone (UNIPSIL)<sup>71</sup> as a follow-on mission to the United Nations Integrated Office in Sierra Leone (UNIOSIL)<sup>72</sup> and extended the mandate of UNIPSIL for one year. The Council also discussed the work of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, on the basis of the briefing by the representatives of the Court.

<sup>71</sup> For more information, see part X, sect. II, with regard to the mandate of UNIPSIL.

<sup>72</sup> For more information, see part X, sect. II, with regard to the mandate of UNIOSIL.

### **7 May and 4 August 2008: establishment of UNIPSIL**

On 7 May 2008, in his briefing to the Council, the Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and Security Institutions in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations presented the sixth report of the Secretary-General on UNIOSIL<sup>73</sup> and reported on the preparations for the local elections, the challenges faced by the security sector, socioeconomic conditions, human rights and rule of law issues, peacebuilding support activities and the proposed mandate, structure and strength of the post-UNIOSIL office. The Chair of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission also briefed the Council on the advocacy and resource-mobilization efforts by the Commission and the findings of his recent visit to Sierra Leone.<sup>74</sup>

On 4 August 2008, the Council adopted resolution 1829 (2008) establishing UNIPSIL for a period of 12 months beginning on 1 October 2008, following the completion of the mandate of UNIOSIL on 30 September 2008. As part of its mandate, the Office was to focus on supporting the Government of Sierra Leone in identifying and resolving tensions and threats of potential conflict; monitoring and promoting human rights, democratic institutions and the rule of law; consolidating good governance reforms; and supporting decentralization in close coordination with the Peacebuilding Commission and other United Nations agencies and programmes in Sierra Leone.

### **16 July 2009: Special Court for Sierra Leone**

Following the briefings by the President of the Special Court for Sierra Leone and the Prosecutor on the work of the Court and its remaining challenges, the Council members commended the Special Court on its achievements in ensuring that those responsible for heinous crimes were brought to justice as part of the

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<sup>73</sup> S/2008/281.

<sup>74</sup> S/PV.5887.

fight against impunity. They also welcomed the Court's completion strategy and stressed the importance of establishing an appropriate mechanism to deal with residual issues, while addressing the question of funding for the Court.<sup>75</sup>

### **9 February to 15 September 2009: situation in Sierra Leone and UNIPSIL**

From 9 February to 14 September 2009, the Executive Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNIPSIL briefed the Council on three reports of the Secretary-General.<sup>76</sup> In addition, the Council received briefings by the Chairperson of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission. In reference to the situation on the ground, the main issues discussed were the following: the political situation, which remained relatively calm except for the eruption of political violence in March, which was ended by the 2 April 2009 joint communiqué between the country's political parties; the security situation, including the issue of illicit drug trafficking; socioeconomic developments; and human rights, the rule of law and support for democratic institutions. In respect of the peacebuilding agenda, Council members supported such initiatives as the special session of the Commission on Sierra Leone that took place on 10 June 2009, the Agenda for Change of the Government of Sierra Leone which formulated the development strategy, and the joint vision document outlining the United Nations priorities and integrated post-conflict strategy in the country.<sup>77</sup>

In resolution 1886 (2009) of 15 September 2009, the Council, inter alia, extended the mandate of UNIPSIL until 30 September 2010.

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<sup>75</sup> S/PV.6163.

<sup>76</sup> S/2009/59, S/2009/267 and S/2009/438.

<sup>77</sup> See S/PV.6080, S/PV.6137 and S/PV.6187.

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5887th 7 May 2008	Sixth report of the Secretary-General on the UNIOSIL (S/2008/281)		<b>Rule 37</b> Sierra Leone <b>Rule 39</b> Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and Security Institutions in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, Chair of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission	Sierra Leone Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and Security Institutions in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, Chair of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission	
5948th 4 August 2008	Sixth report of the Secretary-General on UNIOSIL (S/2008/281)	Draft resolution (S/2008/512)	<b>Rule 37</b> Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone	Resolution 1829 (2008) 15-0-0
6080th 9 February 2009	First report of the Secretary-General on UNIPSIL (S/2009/59)		<b>Rule 37</b> Sierra Leone <b>Rule 39</b> Executive Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNIPSIL, Chair of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Commission	All Council members and all invitees	

**Part I. Consideration of questions under the responsibility of  
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6137th 8 June 2009	Second report of the Secretary-General on UNIPSIL (S/2009/267)		<b>Rule 37</b> Sierra Leone (Minister for Foreign Affairs)  <b>Rule 39</b> Executive Representative of the Secretary-General, Chair of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Commission	All Council members and all invitees	
6163rd 16 July 2009			<b>Rule 37</b> Sierra Leone  <b>Rule 39</b> President of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone	All Council members and all invitees	
6187th 14 September 2009	Third report of the Secretary-General on UNIPSIL (S/2009/438)		<b>Rule 37</b> Sierra Leone  <b>Rule 39</b> Executive Representative of the Secretary-General, Chair of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Commission	All invitees	
6189th 15 September 2009	Third report of the Secretary-General on UNIPSIL (S/2009/438)	Draft resolution (S/2009/456)	<b>Rule 37</b> Sierra Leone		Resolution 1886 (2009) 15-0-0