

**UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY: FIFTH COMMITTEE**  
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**Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone (on behalf of Canada, Australia, and New Zealand)**

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Merci monsieur le Président,

J'ai l'honneur aujourd'hui de m'adresser à vous au nom du Canada, de l'Australie et de la Nouvelle Zélande sur le point 136 de l'ordre du jour : La subvention pour le Tribunal spécial résiduel pour la Sierra Leone.

CANZ salue la présentation du rapport du Secrétaire général sur l'utilisation de l'autorisation d'engagement de dépenses et demande de subvention pour le Tribunal spécial résiduel pour la Sierra Leone, ainsi que la présentation du rapport du Comité consultatif pour les questions administratives et budgétaires (CCQAB).

Mr Chairman,

CANZ has supported the Special Court and the Residual Special Court, along with other Members of the Oversight Committee, since its inception. And we are very proud of this long term commitment. We have done so because we firmly believe the Court has played an essential role in helping Sierra Leone and its region emerge from conflict. It has directly contributed to the

lasting peace and preventing the resurgence of the conflict. But the Special Court also, by its actions and exemplary discharge of its mandate, promoted the value of an impartial and functioning criminal judicial system in building a peaceful and just society.

The Special Court has become a model for other tribunals, and today, the Residual Special Court is a very lean body. It carries on the mandate of the Court, administering sentences and continuing to oversee witness protection activities, providing assistance to national authorities, maintaining and preserving archives; activities that remain essential today.

Without adequate resources, the Residual Special Court would be unable to continue its operation in 2018. CANZ is looking forward to working with all colleagues in the 5<sup>th</sup> Committee to find a solution that will enable the Residual Special Court to achieve its mandate and continue the important role it plays.

Merci monsieur le Président.