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Special Court Signs Enforcement Agreement With Finland

The Special Court for Sierra Leone on Monday signed an enforcement agreement with Finland which, upon ratification, would allow the Special Court to send a convict to serve the remainder of his sentence in that country.



The agreement was signed Monday by Special Court Acting Registrar Binta Mansaray and Finland's Ambassador to the Netherlands, Mikko Jokela. Ms. Mansaray thanked Ambassador Jokela for Finland's continued commitment to the Special Court, to international justice, and to ending impunity.

With the signing of this agreement, the Special Court has entered into enforcement agreements with five countries in Africa and Europe. The Court is continuing to seek additional enforcement agreements.

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The Special Court is an independent tribunal established jointly by the United Nations and the Government of Sierra Leone. It is mandated to bring to justice those who bear the greatest responsibility for atrocities committed in Sierra Leone after 30 November 1996.

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