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Joseph F. Kamara Steps Down as Deputy Prosecutor of Special Court

Prosecutor Brenda Hollis today hailed outgoing Deputy Prosecutor Joseph F. Kamara as a man of "the highest standards and integrity" who has provided exemplary service to the people of Sierra Leone during his tenure at the Special Court.

Mr. Kamara leaves the Court to take up his new post as head of Sierra Leone's Anti-Corruption Commission. His nomination was announced in July by H.E. President Ernest Bai Koroma, and was approved by Parliament earlier this month.

"Since his arrival at the Office of the Prosecutor, he has served the people of Sierra Leone in the Court's quest to bring justice for the horrific crimes committed against innocent men, women and children," Ms. Hollis said. "He is leaving the Office of the Prosecutor to continue to serve the people of Sierra Leone in his new capacity."

Prosecutor Hollis said Mr. Kamara would be missed.

"The Office of the Prosecutor's loss is the people of Sierra Leone's gain," she said. "Throughout his tenure in the Office of the Prosecutor he has demonstrated the highest standards of professionalism and integrity, traits that will ensure his success as Commissioner of the Anti-Corruption Commission."

"Mr. Kamara's selection for this position is but one example of the Special Court's legacy of returning talented experts to the service of their country," she added.

Mr. Kamara joined the Court in January of 2004 and was appointed Deputy Prosecutor in August 2008, the first Sierra Leonean to occupy the post. He also served as Acting Prosecutor

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