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### **Sixth Colloquium of International Prosecutors 14-15 May 2011 in Freetown**

Prosecutors from the world's six international criminal tribunals will meet in Freetown this weekend to look at best prosecution practices and to focus on the necessary steps to close the courts as several of them near the completion of their mandates.

The Colloquium is held regularly, and allows Prosecutors to address issues common among all the international courts and so further the development of international criminal law and practice.

This year's Colloquium will be hosted by SCSL Prosecutor Brenda J. Hollis in Freetown, Sierra Leone. "It is significant that the Colloquium is being hosted by the Special Court for Sierra Leone, since the SCSL will be the first international court to complete its mandate and transition to a residual mechanism," Ms. Hollis said. She noted that the 2005 Colloquium was also held in Freetown, three years after the Special Court's inception.

"In 2005 the Special Court was in the early phases of its mandate, and it was invaluable for us to look to the experience of our sister tribunals," Ms. Hollis said. "Today we are far advanced in considering what comes after the Court closes, in terms of Legacy and Residual Issues. This is an area where we may provide some guidance."

The Colloquium will bring together international and national legal experts, scholars and diplomats, along with local and international civil society and human rights activists. Joining Ms. Hollis from the Special Court's sister tribunals are ICTY Prosecutor Serge Brammertz, ICTR Prosecutor Justice Hassan Bubacar Jallow, International Co-Prosecutor Andrew Cayley of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Court of Cambodia, STL Chief of Prosecutions Daryl Mundis, and the Deputy Prosecutor of the permanent International Criminal Court, Fatou Bensouda.

The Special Court for Sierra Leone will showcase its work toward efficiently and effectively completing its mandate, transitioning to a Residual Court, and its efforts to engage the national government and local population to leave a lasting legacy.

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