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The Security Council, at its informal consultations on 22 December 1997, requested the Secretariat to prepare a specific technical analysis of the humanitarian situation in Sierra Leone since the coup d'etat, including the effects of the imposition of sanctions. An inter-agency assessment mission led by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs was sent to the region to undertake such analysis. However, because of the deterioration of the security conditions in Sierra Leone, the mission worked in Conakry and prepared an interim report, drawing on information and analysis provided by United Nations agencies, the International Committee of the Red Cross and non-governmental organizations active in Sierra Leone.

I would like therefore to make available to you, and through you to the members of the Security Council, the interim report of the inter-agency mission. I would like, in particular, to draw the attention of the Council to the recommendations of the report. I am confident that these recommendations will receive the full consideration of the members of the Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN