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1. The delegation of Sierra Leone respectively aligns this statement with the Statements delivered by the distinguished representatives of the Republic of Cuba, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and the Republic of Uganda on behalf of the African Group.
2. My delegation takes this opportunity to congratulate you, Chair, on your election to lead the work of the Fifth Committee, and the other members of the Bureau, and assures you of our continued support throughout your tenure.
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Questions for his report and note the recommendations contained therein.

5. Cognizant of the continuing challenges posed by the current funding arrangement of the Residual Special Court, Sierra Leone notes with appreciation key issues highlighted in the current report, which are: the extent by which savings was made to the commitment authority; actions taken to institute transparency; accountability and efficiency in the use of the commitment authority; efforts made to secure additional voluntary contributions to the court; and crucially, a request for an additional subvention in the tune of \$                      to enable the Court in following through its mandate and annual programme of work for 2024.
6. As the Committee is aware, the RSCSL

7. The RSCSL mandated to carry out judicial and non-judicial functions, continues as part of its judicial mandate, to support witness protection, actively monitoring and providing support to 72 witnesses in Sierra Leone, as well as to those located outside Sierra Leone, supervising the enforcement of sentences and the monitoring of conditional early release, responding to requests for information and evidence from national prosecuting authorities and the management and preservation of archives. In addition, the Court conducts ad hoc judicial and administrative proceedings from time to time.
8. Regrettably, even though about fundraising bilateral meetings have been held and more than 30 additional meetings are envisaged to be held in 2023, the funding situation of the Residual Special Court remains dire, with minimal prospects for future voluntary contributions.
9. In the light of these difficulties, the funding situation of the Residual Special Court remains a serious concern to the United Nations, the Government of Sierra Leone, and the Oversight Committee. Securing a sustainable funding for the court continues to be a huge challenge and so therefore, the delegation of Sierra Leone reiterates its call for a consistent financing arrangement that will ensure the

continued preservation of the legacy of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, which is an important element of the