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Resolution 1971 (2011)**Adopted by the Security Council at its 6493rd meeting, on
3 March 2011***The Security Council,*

Recalling its previous resolutions and statements by its President concerning the situations in Liberia and Sierra Leone, in particular its resolution 1626 (2005) which authorized the deployment of United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) military personnel to Sierra Leone to provide security for the Special Court for Sierra Leone,

Welcoming the Secretary-General's letter of 11 February 2011 (S/2011/74),

Expressing appreciation for the contribution of UNMIL military personnel, particularly the Mongolian UNMIL contingent, to the provision of security for the Special Court for Sierra Leone,

Noting that the Registrar of the Special Court informed the Secretariat by letter dated 13 October 2010 that the UNMIL military guard force would no longer be required beyond February 2011, and the request by the Government of Sierra Leone that withdrawal be postponed to late February or early March,

Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to discontinue the authorization granted in paragraph 5 of resolution 1626 (2005), and *requests* that UNMIL withdraw, by 7 March 2011, the military personnel providing security for the Special Court for Sierra Leone;

2. *Further decides* to discontinue the authorization and request to UNMIL in paragraph 7 of resolution 1626 (2005) to evacuate officials of the Special Court for Sierra Leone in the event of a serious security crisis affecting those personnel and the Court;

3. *Looks forward* to the successful provision of security for the Court by local security personnel, and requests the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Sierra Leone (UNIPSIL) to include, within existing security evacuation contingency arrangements, relevant officials of the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

