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The Office of the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict serves as international advocate for children affected by armed conflict by promoting standards and measures for their protection in times of war as well as their healing and social reintegration in the aftermath of conflict. As such, the Office commends and supports the "Think Again" project and the work of the *Tennis for Africa* organization, which has been engaged in promoting opportunities for the development of education and sport in several African countries, including Mozambique, Angola, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone.

This project represents an outstanding opportunity to contribute to the rehabilitation, growth and development of children and youth in Sierra Leone, in the aftermath of 10 years of conflict and trauma. Tennis is a wonderful and powerful vehicle to this end, nurturing in children and young people essential values of team-spirit, discipline, respect and positive self-expression. The United Nations encourages initiatives such as these, as a critical contribution in societies recovering from conflict and emerging into peace and democracy.

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