

The Prime Minister and other G-8 leaders have confirmed that Africa, its current challenges and future development, will be high on the agenda of next year's G-8 meetings in Kananaskis, Alberta. Perhaps there is no better barometer for the developed world's commitment on Africa than its collective response to the vexing problems of Sierra Leone.

This report was written for the Honourable John Manley, Minister of Foreign Affairs for Canada and has observations and recommendations with a distinctly Canadian flavour. Nevertheless, I hope others interested in Sierra Leone and the issues of the sub-region who read it find it a helpful and constructive contribution to the debate. I wish also to remind the reader that this report does not constitute Canada's foreign policy on Sierra Leone. As a private Member of Parliament, I have been given free reign to express my views. I have done so. It is my hope that this report will be received in the spirit in which it was intended; that is, with a view to constructive policy formulation to advance the cause of peace and stability, economic development and good governance in Sierra Leone.

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