**16th Session Universal Periodic Review**

**GERMANY**

**Statement by Sierra Leone**

**Mr. President,**

**Delegates,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

Sierra Leone would like to congratulate Germany on its achievements since the last Universal Periodic Review and for the presentation here this morning.

Sierra Leone notes the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of the first cycle of the UPR, but would like to make the following recommendations to Germany:

* Ratification of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Protocol 12 to the European Convention on Human Rights;
* Review of the General Equal Treatment Act of 2006, to ensure that it covers all fields of the Labour market to ensure that women are not discriminated against in some professions and setting up of concrete goals to be achieved in its implementation,
* Investigation of allegations of racially motivated incidents against members of minority groups and taking remedial action;
* Adoption of safeguards to ensure that asylum seekers are not returned to countries where they will face persecution;
* Continuation of efforts to increase its Official Development Assistance (ODA) to developing countries, which now stands at 0.4 per cent of GNI, as compared to the agreed level of 0.7 per cent of GNI, to assist them to provide for the basic economic, social and cultural rights of their populations.

I thank you.