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**Statement delivered by South Africa**

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**Review of Liberia**

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Mr President, South Africa welcomes the delegation of Liberia led by ... and the presentation of its National Report.

South Africa welcomes the commitment of the country in promoting human rights and respect for the rule of law. We recognize that despite the challenges it has faced in recent years, Liberia has registered a number of notable achievements such as the development of a National Human Rights Action Plan and we encourage its implementation. We further recognize that the Ebola virus has hit hard on the already challenged socioeconomic condition and add our voice in calling for more resources to be deployed to ensure that the virus is contained.

South Africa encourages Liberia to continue all efforts towards the promotion, protection and fulfilment of all human rights, including the Right to Development and would like to pose the following recommendations:

- 1) To strengthen efforts on sexual and gender based violence as well as combat female genital mutilation;
- 2) To take steps toward the abolition of the death penalty; and
- 3) To strengthen efforts towards the realization of the rights to education and the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health in the post-Ebola recovery period.

We wish Liberia a very successful review during this Session.

I thank you.