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Mr. President!

I wish to welcome the distinguished delegation of Sierra Leone and congratulate **HE Joseph Fitzgerald Kamara**, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, for the presentation of their country's comprehensive report to the Second Cycle of UPR.

The report outlines the actions undertaken by the country in the implementation of the accepted 101 recommendations from the previous UPR, amid the **Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)**, which Sierra Leone, with the support of the International Community succeeded in halting. Therefore, I warmly commend the People and the Government of Sierra Leone for this remarkable achievement.

Notwithstanding the EVD plight, , I applaud Sierra Leone for having ratified the Convention against Torture and the Optional Protocol to the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (OP-CCPR), since the first review.

I take note of the efforts the country has made to tackle GBV, as well as the FGM, through the adoption of specific legislation, programs and strategies.

I salute the moratorium on the death penalty, in the light of the UNGA relevant resolution, but I would recommend further steps aiming at its abolition.

To conclude, Mr. President, I join those who have appealed to the International Community to redouble its multifaceted assistance to Sierra Leone, so as to help the country to fully get back to its feet, in the aftermath of the EVD.

I wish Sierra Leone every success in the present UPR exercise.

I thank you

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