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Mr President,

South Africa welcomes the distinguished delegation of Sierra Leone to this UPR Session and thanks the delegation for the presentation of its national report.

South Africa welcomes the country's strong commitment towards the promotion and protection of human rights. Notable positive developments including the adoption of the "Agenda for Prosperity"; progress in consolidating peace and enhancing security country-wide; and a strong reform agenda are to be commended.

South Africa encourages Sierra Leone to continue these efforts while noting that the county is still faced with constraints in the Post-Ebola recovery period. We recommend that Sierra Leone:

1. Strengthen measures to ensure that women's access to education is enhanced;

2. Continue efforts in the context of the Constitutional Review Process;
3. Strengthen efforts in addressing maternal and child mortality in the country and
4. Strengthen efforts in infrastructure development in the country.

We wish Sierra Leone a very successful review during this Session.

I thank you.