



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

STATEMENT BY:

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WORKING GROUP OF SIERRA LEONE.**

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Mr. President.

Uganda welcomes the delegation of Sierra Leone to their 2nd cycle of the UPR and commends the government for having implemented most of the recommendations accepted during the first cycle of the UPR in spite of the challenges of Ebola epidemic that Sierra Leone is yet to emerge from.

In particular, we note the aggressive campaign launched to educate and raise the awareness of HIV/AIDs among the population. We also welcome the launch of the “*Agenda for prosperity*” programme with the aim of building an inclusive, green, middle-income country by 2035.

We recommend that Sierra Leone places a ban on the initiation of women of all ages in order to totally eliminate the practice of FGM in the country.

We also recommend further efforts to build the capacity of both human Resources and health facilities to deal with epidemics such as the Ebola Virus and request the International Community to continue to assist Sierra Leone in building the capacity.

I thank you.