



**ZAMBIA'S STATEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF UNIVERSAL
PERIODIC REVIEW OF SIERRA LEONE – 27TH JANUARY, 2016**

Thank you Mr. President,

The Zambian delegation welcomes Sierra Leone to the UPR Second Cycle and commends the delegation for the positive developments achieved in the field of human rights since the last review in 2011. However, it appears that based on the report submitted by the delegation of Sierra Leone, domestication of international law is still a challenge.

Mr. President, equally of paramount concern to our delegation is the issue of Female Genital Mutilation and what measures the government is taking to prohibit the practice.

Zambia, therefore, recommends that the government of Sierra Leone: -

1. Domesticates the international human rights law; and
2. Should totally ban the Female Genital Mutilation as opposed to the age limit of bellow the age of 18 and criminalise the practice.

We, however, wish the delegation of Sierra Leone every success during this UPR process.

I thank you Mr. President