

Albanian Statement

on UN-Sierra Leone

Mr. President,

Albania welcomes the today's presentation of the comprehensive national report by the delegation of Sierra Leone.

We would like to commend the progress made by the Government of Sierra Leone for adopting the third Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper called "Agenda for Prosperity".

Albania congratulates also the measures undertaken by the Government of Sierra Leone which has initiated affirmative actions for the improvement of women's participation in public life through the appointment of several women in key leadership positions in the country.

While encouraging the Government of Sierra Leone for further improvements with regard to human Rights, Albania has the following recommendations:

1. To implement a zero-tolerance policy on sexual and gender-based violence and to ensure the prosecution of all perpetrators of violence against women, combined with rehabilitation and support for victims,
2. To take the necessary measures to adopt and implement, the Child Labour Action Plan and provide information on the results achieved.

Albanian would once again wish Sierra Leone's Government a successful review session.

Thank you!

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