

**24<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group****Review of Sierra Leone****Statement by Armenia**

Armenia welcomes the delegation of Sierra Leone and thanks for the national report.

We welcome Sierra Leone's efforts directed towards the implementation of the recommendations of the first UPR cycle. Armenia also appreciates the steps undertaken to combat Ebola crisis.

We note the challenges faced by the country in the promotion of the right to health, particularly for women. We are concerned about maternal mortality rates, the lack of affordable health care, as well as skilled health-care personnel, in particular in rural areas.

Armenia appreciates that child labor concerns have been mainstreamed into national development policies, child protection strategies and education. However, we note with concern, that there are low rates of girls' enrollment at school. We are particularly concerned about the reported sexual abuse cases of girls.

Finally, Armenia encourages Sierra Leone to step up efforts in ratifying the international human rights treaties to which it is not party yet.

Armenia has 2 recommendations for Sierra Leone:

- 1) To accede to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide,
- 2) To take the necessary steps to combat girls' sexual abuse, in particular at school.