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**Bangladesh statement on the UPR of Sierra Leone, 27 January 2016 (24th UPR Working Group session)**

Thank you Mr. President,

Let me commence by welcoming the delegation of Sierra Leone to its second cycle of UPR.

Bangladesh notes with satisfaction that President Ernest Bai Koroma's Government is making appreciable efforts to promote and protect human rights in the country.

As a Least Developed Country, Sierra Leone has been confronting enormous challenges since 2014 triggered by the outbreak of the Ebola Virus Disease. Nearly 3000 deaths and widespread disruption in all walks of life literally put the State in stagnation at one stage. The final victory over this disease is indeed a commendable achievement of the Government. The country, despite the serious constraint caused by the epidemic, has made notable progress vis a vis its international human rights obligations, specially through the process of reporting to several treaty bodies. Sierra Leone's level of cooperation with the UN human rights bodies is indeed laudable. Bangladesh believes that the International community should continue its support to Sierra Leone for achieving further progress in the human rights domain.

Thank you.