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**Statement**  
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**Review of Sierra Leone: 27 January 2016, at 9:00 - 12:30 hours**

Mr. President,

The Lao PDR welcomes the delegation of Sierra Leone and would like to thank them for the comprehensive presentation of the National Report,

My delegation notes with appreciation that from the last UPR cycle Sierra Leone has accepted a large number of recommendations and has taken necessary steps to implement them.

We commend efforts made by Sierra Leone to further promote and protect human rights in the country, including amending national laws and regulations, signing and ratifying most of the core international conventions on human rights, among others, ratifications of CAT, CEDAW, CRC, CERD, and ICCPR.

In this regard, the Lao PDR wishes to offer the following recommendations for consideration:

1. Ensure that vulnerable group, especially women and children in rural areas have access to quality health care services, and
2. Take effective measures to further implement the National Action Plan on Gender-Based Violence (GBV).

We wish Sierra Leone every success in its Second Cycle of UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President