



STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Sierra Leone
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia congratulates the delegation of Sierra Leone for their presentation of the report.

2. Malaysia notes that the Government of Sierra Leone has been undertaking legal and constitutional reforms to better protect the rights of its people. We also note that the Government continues to enhance women's empowerment through improved economic opportunities, implementing the National Gender Strategic Plan, and the 2012 National Action Plan on Gender-Based Violence.

3. We recognize that Sierra Leone continues to face in the promotion and protection of human rights in the country, especially in dealing with the aftermath of the deadly Ebola outbreak. In the spirit of constructive engagement, we wish to propose the following **recommendations** for the consideration of Sierra Leone:

- 3.1. **One:** allocate more resources and double efforts with the aim to conclude the on-going legal reforms to harmonize national laws with international human rights standards and obligations;
- 3.2. **Two:** ensure access to justice for vulnerable groups, especially women and children, whom have been victimized by violence and abuse;
- 3.3. **Three:** promote the completion of education for children, and remove all hindrances and discrimination against children in fulfilling their right to education;
- 3.4. **Four:** address the issue of inadequate water supply in the country urgently, including by providing appropriate temporary measures to communities in rural and urban areas in finding alternative means of water supply; and
- 3.5. **Five:** take measures to implement policies and programs targeted at reducing poverty and improving the economy including the realization of the Agenda for Prosperity.

I thank you.

GENEVA
27 January 2016