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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
24TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP
REVIEW OF SIERRA LEONE
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STATEMENT BY NIGERIA

Mr President,

Nigeria welcomes the delegation of Sierra Leone and thanks them for the presentation of their national report. We are delighted that despite the extreme challenges Sierra Leone has passed through during the extreme Ebola crisis, the country has endeavoured to meet its international obligations.

We note with appreciation the commitment shown by the Government of Sierra Leone towards promoting and protecting the human rights of its people manifested through gender equality, youth development, addressing corruption, law reform, and the ratification of some treaties. We commend the government of Sierra Leone for the enactment of the Persons with Disability Act of 2011, the Right to Access to Information Act of 2013 and the Sexual Offences Act of 2012.

Mr President, we have the following recommendations for the consideration of Sierra Leone:

- i. Improve on providing health care facilities to all communities in the country;
- ii. Prioritize universal basic education for the benefit of all Sierra Leonean children;
- iii. To continue to promote and protect the fundamental freedoms and human rights of all its citizens.

We wish Sierra Leone every success in this review.

I thank you.