

**45th Session of the UPR Statement**

**MEXICO**

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**Mr. President**,

Sierra Leone welcomes the distinguished delegation from Mexico to this 45th session of the UPR and thanks them for their presentation.

Sierra Leone commends Mexico for its continued commitment to the promotion of human rights. We welcome the establishment of the Truth Commission to address past human rights violations. We note the significant efforts outlined in the National Human Rights Programme and the National Social Development Programme. The substantial increase in the human rights compliance budget demonstrates Mexico's unwavering commitment to the protection and promotion of human rights.

We strongly commend the significant efforts made to address the issue of enforced disappearances and its cooperation with the Committee, including the allocation of additional resources to the National Commission for the Investigation of Enforced Disappearances.

In the light of these achievements, Sierra Leone offers the following recommendations.

1. Develop and strengthen programmes to address human rights inequalities faced by indigenous communities and Afro-descendants;
2. Enact and enforce laws to reduce the incidence of violence against women and girls.
3. Establish and implement a comprehensive policy for the prosecution, investigation and prevention of torture.

Sierra Leone wish Mexico a successful review cycle.

Thank you, **Mr. President.**