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**Mr. President**,

Sierra Leone welcomes and thanks the delegation from Iran for the presentation of its national report.

We commend the government for adopting the Health System Transformation Plan, which aims to reduce the financial burden of healthcare services on its citizens and improve overall access to quality medical treatment.

We welcome the constitutional guarantee of the right to freedom of expression, which is fundamental to fostering an open and democratic society. We note that the Executive Regulations of the Prison Organisation explicitly prohibit all forms of torture and ill-treatment of prisoners.

We encourage the government to continue strengthening these efforts by ensuring the effective implementation and enforcement of these policies to further promote and protect the rights and well-being of its citizens.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, we offer the following recommendations:

1. Continue to strengthen efforts in promoting religious tolerance to foster peaceful coexistence and social harmony.

2.  Consider placing a moratorium on the death penalty with a view to its eventual abolition.

3.  Enhance efforts to ensure greater participation of women in politics and public life.

4. Ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against

 women.

Sierra Leone wishes the Islamic Republic of Iran a successful review.

**Thank you, Mr. President.**