**Statement of the Kingdom of Bahrain**

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**Sierra Leone**

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Madam. President,

The Kingdom of Bahrain welcomes the delegation of the Sierra Leone, and thanks them for their presentation.

We commend Sierra Leone’s efforts in advancing human rights and we welcome their efforts in combating the Covid-19 pandemic and their role in strengthening women empowerment.

In this regard, we recommend the following:

1. Strengthen key human rights institutions focusing on the protection of women and children and eliminating violence against them,
2. Continue to support the independence of judiciary and combat impunity,
3. Take further effective measures aimed at combating diseases and strengthening the health system.

We wish Sierra Leone a successful review.

Thank you, Madam. President,