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**THE UPR WORKING GROUP ON SIERRA LEONE**

**GENEVA, May 12, 2021**

Mr. President,

We welcome and thank the distinguished delegation of Sierra Leone for the submission of their country’s comprehensive Report to this UPR Session.

Mozambique praises Sierra Leone for the progresses made on implementation of the recommendations from the second cycle of UPR.

We recognize the economic and social difficulties and challenges faced by Sierra Leone which are impacting on human rights situation in the country, some of them are related to current covid-19.

In a constructive spirit, we take this opportunity to recommend Sierra Leone the following:

1. To continue with the campaign to end the sexual-based violence toward women and girls;
2. To take necessary measures to prevent early marriages; and
3. To improve health services and social protection for all citizen;

Mozambique wishes Sierra Leone every success in the present UPR exercise.

Thank you, Mr. President