

**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA**

Universal Periodic Review

Sierra Leone

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Madam President,

Timor-Leste extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Sierra Leone, a fellow member of the g7+.

We congratulate Sierra Leone for its efforts to promote and protect human rights in its country.

The National Strategy for the Reduction of Adolescent Pregnancy and Child Marriage and the Citizenship (Amendment) Act of 2017 are worthy of mention and we commend the Government of Sierra Leone for its approval. We further note with appreciation the progress made in the implementation of the civil registration system.

My delegation seizes this opportunity to make three recommendations that Sierra Leone:

* Intensify its efforts to eliminate discrimination against children in the most vulnerable conditions;
* Strengthens the efforts to eradicate the practice of female genital mutilation
* Provides updated human rights training to the local court Chairs.

We wish Sierra Leone all the success in this review session.

I thank you, Madam President.

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