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**UPR of the Republic of Sierra Leone**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

*12h of May 2021, 14.30 hrs, Geneva*

*Speaking time: 1 minute 5 seconds*

*Madam President,*

Poland thanks the delegation of Sierra Leone for its participation in the UPR process.

As per agreed practice, Poland recommends Sierra Leone to:

* **strengthen its efforts to combat trafficking in children;**
* **further improve access of persons with disabilities to education and health care;**
* **continue efforts to eliminate child labour.**

At the same time we commend reforms of judicial system and fight against corruption, also by introducing amendments to Anti-Corruption Act in 2019.

We welcome growing respect for rights of persons with disabilities and countering discrimination against them.

We appreciate recent declaration by the President of the Republic on his intention to abolish the death penalty. We look forward to such a step.

However, Poland is concerned by challenges related to protection of the rights of the child, especially concerning child trafficking and child labour. We encourage Sierra Leone to undertake all possible efforts to counter such practices.

*Thank you.*