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**REVIEW OF SIERRA LEONE**

**INTERVENTION BY TURKEY**

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Madam President,

We would like to thank the delegation of Sierra Leone for their comprehensive presentation.

We support the efforts of the Government for addressing the issues of the rights to education, anti-corruption, as well as taking steps in promoting social security and reinforcing national legislation on human rights.

We welcome the progress made in the implementation of the civil registration and vital statistics system, and the development of new digital tools for birth and death registration.

We commend the Government for launching Gender Equality and Women Empowerment Policy, as well as all other efforts made to this end.

We also welcome the campaigns to support schoolgirls for sustaining their education and to protect girls against sexual violence.

In this context, Turkey **recommends** Sierra Leone;

- To strengthen the civil registration mechanisms and to ensure that every child is registered immediately after birth,

- To ensure that primary schools are accessible and free for all students,

- To remove all additional costs to facilitate the attendance of all children,

- To maintain the efforts towards gender equality in education.

Turkey wishes Sierra Leone all success during its 3rd UPR.

Thank you.