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UPR of Sierra Leone

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the delegation of Sierra Leone and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

We acknowledge the efforts of Sierra Leone on the development of the normative and institutional framework and public policies for the promotion and protection of human rights in the country, since its first UPR.

We note with appreciation that in 2012, Sierra Leone adopted its third Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) called “Agenda for Prosperity” (AFP) in which education, health and good governance were prominently featured. We **recommend** Sierra Leone to take necessary steps to implement AFP in an effective and timely manner.

We commend the measures taken by Sierra Leone on gender issues and welcome the adoption of the National Referral Protocol on Gender-based Violence and the National Plan of Action on Gender-based Violence (2012) and **recommend** Sierra Leone to continue their implementation all across the country.

Last, but not least, we believe that the interactive discussions in the Human Rights Council on the second national report of Sierra Leone will further contribute to strengthening and promoting human rights in the country.

Thank you Mr. President.