



REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE

**ACCESSION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN TO
THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION**

STATEMENT BY SIERRA LEONE

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Mr Chairman,

Thank you for giving me the floor.

Let me on behalf of President Ernest Bai Koroma align our delegation with previous speakers in extending congratulations to a fellow Least Developed Country, the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan on its accession to the WTO. Sierra Leone applauds the efforts that Afghanistan has put to meet this milestone, in spite of the myriad of internal challenges it faces.

My delegation would like to note that, our different geographical locations do not in any way diminish our common concerns and shared values. In this regard, Sierra Leone assures Afghanistan of its continued cooperation in addressing issues of common interest and seeking solutions to our mutual challenges especially within the framework of our membership in established international organisations such as the WTO.

Sierra Leone wishes Afghanistan every success in all its future endeavours.

I thank you Mr Chairman.