



**REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE**

## **ACCESSION OF LIBERIA TO THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION**

**STATEMENT BY SIERRA LEONE**

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Mr Chairman,

I thank you for giving me the floor.

On behalf of President Ernest Bai Koroma, Sierra Leone is pleased to add its voice to the congratulatory messages extended to the Republic of Liberia on its accession to WTO. Liberia's persistent efforts towards this achievement, provides a good example for all to emulate. My delegation is particularly pleased at the reforms that Liberia has undertaken from which Sierra Leone is sure to benefit.

As a neighbouring and sister country to Liberia, we share common history and challenges, including the civil conflict and most recently the Ebola outbreak. We realise that our destinies are closely interlinked.

It is with in mind that Sierra Leone looks forward to continue to work with Liberia as we strive to meet our common goals both within the Mano River Union, ECOWAS, the AU and beyond.

Mr. Chairman, I thank you.