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STATEMENT

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Chair,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,

1. The delegation of Sierra Leone is pleased to join the debate

Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and

5. The SCSL was created by a treaty between the United Nations and the Government of Sierra Leone in 2002 , on the request of the Government of Sierra Leone and authorized by UN Security Council Resolution 1315 of 14 August 2000 ,

the greatest responsibility for serious violations of international humanitarian law after 30 November 1996 and during the civil conflict.

6. The continued funding of the RSCSL through voluntary financial contributions and subvention by the United Nations is certainly a valuable measure aimed at strengthening implementation of IHL

Chair,

7. In a previous statement by my delegation on this agenda item, we had informed of the enactment by the Parliament of Sierra Leone of two bills relating to IHL, and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement , and these are :

relevant international intergovernmental

13. The Act ensures the repression of violations of IHL by creating offences and penalties for grave breaches as defined in the Geneva Conventions, as well as for other violations of the Conventions and their Additional Protocols.

14. Second, and with regards to grave breaches, the Act covers not only offences committed by citizens of Sierra Leone or those committed in the territory of Sierra Leone, but also extends, in terms of its application, to the

15. As we noted in the debate on the scope and application of the Act, section 2(5) of

