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LIBERIA'S OFFICIAL STATEMENT AT THE GLOBAL PLATFORM
FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

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I like to extend the compliments of Her Excellency Madam Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia, and Chair of the Economy Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to this honorable body.

Let me assure this Assembly of Liberia's commitment to adhere, and implement major international protocols on disaster; which is demonstrated by the political will of our Government to pass the Act that established the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) of Liberia. The Agency has also began retrieving loss data on disasters with support from UNISDR through capacity development of the implementing agencies to build up a sound and reliable data base and hazard mapping of our risk-prone areas.

In November of 2016, Africa met at the 6th Session of the Africa Regional Platform and 6th High-Level Meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction, and reviewed progress in the implementation of the Sendai Framework in Africa. The meeting provided the opportunity to have aligned Africa Program of Action with the Sendai Framework, as well as building consensus on Africa's Position to be presented at this 5th session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Liberia believes that the milestone achieved at the Mauritius meeting will go a long way in achieving the overall **global objective for Disaster Risk Reduction**.


Ladies and gentlemen, it is then important for us not to lose sight of the urgency to regularly review the domestication and implementation efforts being carried out by member states. This will also enable us gather the information necessary to provide supportive and corrective measures, and would also give the opportunity for countries that are ahead with implementation to share best practices with other nations that are lacking behind. This will also enable us succeed in building a resilient disaster management system, to meet the emerging needs of early

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warning, prevention and mitigation of natural hazards that pose threat to our communities (Especially women, children, and other vulnerable groups).

In closing, I like to reinforce the Government of Liberia's commitment to no longer treat disaster as a marginalized issue, but rather, it is adopting a proactive, holistic and comprehensive approach in its management effort.

Thank You!!

SIGNED AND PRESENTED BY: GBEME HORACE KOLLIE,  29/03/17
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