

## **Statement of the PBC Chair at the Security Council**

The international community has generated experience and a body of knowledge on UN missions transitions, upon which we should now seek to draw. In our view, there are no excuses for not learning from past successes as well as failures. We know that the drawdown of UN missions constitute a defining moment on the path to sustainable peace and development. However, we still experience significant gaps in political attention, as well as financing of critical processes, programs and institutions. We could certainly do be

elections in 2017, the current constitutional review, as well as the process of decentralization will remain on the agenda of the Peacebuilding Commission, as these processes will affect fundamental aspects of state and nation building. Similarly, implementing the strategic road map for national healing, peacebuilding and reconciliation also remains imperative. We will also highlight land issues and its relevance to the crucial area of natural resource management, not only to ensure reduced tensions between affected communities and concessionaires, but also to help Liberia develop a sustainable source of domestic revenue. Lastly, tackling corruption with continued vigor will be key in order to increase public trust in government institutions.

In closing, Mr. President, one might say that the value-added of the accompanying role of the Peacebuilding Commission is clearly tested as a post-conflict country is approaching a milestone in its journey towards sustaining peace. Liberia has a challenging year ahead. The Council and bilateral and multilateral partners have accumulated experience and knowledge that we must continue to support our own efforts to consolidate peace. The Commission stands ready to contribute