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**Washington, D.C.- December 3, 2017:** Her Excellency Lois Cheche Lewis Brutus, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Liberia to the United States, presented her Letters of Credence to President Donald J. Trump on November 29, 2017.

According to a dispatch from the Embassy of Liberia in Washington, D.C., the ceremony took place at the Oval Office of the White House.

In remarks, Ambassador Brutus said Liberia and the United States are bound together by a unique relationship deeply rooted in common values and traditions, buttressed by a firm commitment to mutually beneficial objectives.

"I am here to assure you, Mr. President, that Liberia remains steadfast in her determination to strengthen, uphold and solidify this important relation on the basis of goodwill and mutual respect," she noted.

Ambassador Brutus also outlined some areas which could be beneficial to both countries, such as security, health, agriculture, trade and infrastructure development, education, and human development.

Ambassador Brutus said President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf attaches extreme importance to the relationship between both countries. "Liberia is rich in untapped resources and the United States of America with its phenomenal technological progress and resilient material stature together we could develop a win-win cooperation for the benefit of our peoples," she added.

Ambassador Brutus indicated that during the nearly 12 years of relative peace and security under the leadership of President Sirleaf, Liberia is experiencing progress in various areas, including education, infrastructure and human development.

In response, President Trump recalled that the United States and Liberia share a special bond that dates to the first days of Liberia's republic, and today the bond is stronger than ever.

President Trump said since the end of the Liberian civil war in 2003, the country has improved security for its people, and taken on the difficult tasks of rebuilding its economy and strengthening its education and health



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“As your steadfast and longtime friend, the United States and the American people remain committed to partnering with you to create a healthy, peaceful, and democratic future for Liberia,” President Trump noted.

Prior to her appointment as Liberia’s Ambassador to the United States, Madam Brutus served as Liberia’s Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa. While in South Africa, she also served respectively as Deputy Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in South Africa, Dean of the ECOWAS Ambassadors in South Africa, and Dean of the Female Ambassadors and High Commissioners in the Republic of South Africa.

Ambassador Brutus is a seasoned diplomat and an accomplished legal expert with more than 30 years of experience in Public International Law. She is a former president and founding member of the Association of Female Lawyers of Liberia, a leading organization that advocates for the rights of women in Liberia.

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