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“Permit me, at the outset, to bring you heart-felt greetings on behalf of Her Excellency Madam Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia, the Government and People of Liberia and the Embassy in Washington, DC. Today we gather here to celebrate another milestone in the history of Liberia. One hundred and sixty-six years ago today, our forefathers declared independence and established a nation state. Liberia became a home to many freed African American slaves that would later establish a government and provide leadership. Although it experienced its bitter past, Liberia remains a proud nation in Africa. As we observe this day, we would like to report that in the midst of all the challenges Liberia has faced, steady progress has been made, and today, ‘We have a reason to celebrate.’ I am humbled and delighted to report that during the past fifteen months of our tour of duty, the relations between Liberia and the United States has become stronger. The United States has been an important



partner to Liberia’s development for which we remain grateful. From the founding of the country and even during our darkest days and now in our transformative stage, the U.S has been a trusted partner. In order to institutionalize this relationship, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and former Secretary of State Hilary Clinton signed a partnership dialogue in January 2013. This was followed by an inauguration of the dialogue in May, which focused on three key priority areas, such as:

- Agriculture & Food Security
- Energy Infrastructure
- Human Development

These key areas are critical to Liberia’s agenda for transformation as the government envision to making Liberia a middle income country by 2030. Furthermore, we should like to mention that Liberia began eligible for the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) in December 2012 and we look forward to a continuous effort with the US in meeting our development agenda as part of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).”

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