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PRESS RELEASE

LEON Commend the Government of Liberia on its pronouncement of a Proposed National Transition Act

Monrovia, Liberia: The Liberia Elections Observation Network (LEON)¹ commends the President of the Republic of Liberia on his recent pronouncement during his State of the Nation address on January 27, 2025, regarding the introduction of a bill to establish a Presidential Transitional Act by law.

LEON expresses its appreciation to the President and the government for their foresight in responding to the numerous calls from civil society organizations through the recent release of the Liberia Election Observation Network (LEON) policy brief to the national legislature. The policy brief highlights five crucial issues that could potentially impact the upcoming democratic elections in the country. LEON, through the policy brief, draws attention to actions needed for reviewing, reforming, and rewriting of the 1986 Constitution; clarifying the status of the 2022 election reform bill to determine the current electoral law; validating the 2022 census for redrawing and harmonizing electoral constituency boundaries delimitation; enacting laws that define power limits during transitions between national governments; and establishing cyber-security measures for a more secure democracy in Liberia. These issues remain crucial to Liberia's democratic future, and demonstrating political resolve in addressing these issues ahead of the next presidential election is worth commendation. (Policy brief link: <https://shorturl.at/IdEvt>)

LEON calls on the National Legislature to expedite the review and passage of the proposed Presidential Transitional Act, which will ensure a smooth and orderly transition of power in the years to come. This will not only strengthen Liberia's democracy but also build mutual and orderly coordination between the outgoing administration and the incoming administration in clearly defined terms.

LEON calls on all political parties, supporters, and other stakeholders to maintain the highest standards of conduct and work collaboratively to achieve this milestone, which aims to set clear guidelines for a peaceful and orderly democratic transition.

LEON remains committed to supporting the democratic process in Liberia and will continue to monitor and advocate for the necessary reforms to ensure free, fair, and transparent elections. The organization stands ready to work with all stakeholders to achieve these goals and to promote a stable and democratic future for Liberia

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