

**REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER N^o 2
REPOSITIONING OF THE GOVERNANCE REFORM COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Peace Agreement between the Government of Liberia and Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy and the Movement for Democracy in Liberia and Political Parties (the “Parties”), in Accra on August 18, 2003 (the “CPA”) established a Governance Reform Commission (the “GRC”) to promote good governance and initiate the process of instituting necessary reforms in public sector management; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Liberia affirms that it is critical to Liberia’s continued maintenance of principles of good governance that the GRC continue its mandate of promoting principles of good governance via the performance or works specified in the CPA; and

WHEREAS, the CPA calls upon the UNDP and other international organizations and the International Contact Group on Liberia to provide financial, logistics and technical support for the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the GRC has initiated certain activities in furtherance of fulfilling its mandate as identified in the CPA;

WHEREAS, the Government of Liberia and its international partners, under the GEMAP framework, endeavor to strengthen Liberian institutions so that they can take responsibility for reversing decades of deficiencies in economic and financial management;

WHEREAS, the Government of the Republic of Liberia recognizes that in order for the GRC to complete its mandate and serve as the Governance arm of the State it is imperative that the GRC continue with its activities to ensure continuity in the implementation of existing mandates and to strengthen and expand in line with the progressive development and sustainability of the democratic process of governance;

WHEREAS, the President is empowered to issue executive orders to achieve objectives to ensure good governance and eliminate abuses of power as the misuse of government resources;

NOW THEREFORE, I Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia hereby order the repositioning of the Governance Reform Commission in post-political disposition and mandate the GRC as herein stipulated as follows:

1. Implement studies to determine the human resources and possible expenditures for the new government, starting with the finalization of the national civil servants census and roster.
2. Revise the mandates and structures of autonomous agencies and public corporations, with emphasis on pay and compensation structures i.e. remuneration scales, pension and retirement benefits for such organizations.
3. Serve as the Technical Secretariat for the conceptualization and preparation of an anti-corruption strategy with the aim of establishing a holistic anti-corruption plan, legislation and a commission or agency for the furtherance of governance.
4. Implement in consonance with the national legislature a code of conduct which will serve as the framework to govern the behavior and conduct of public officials, ensure the promotion of ethical behavior for officials of the three branches of government.
5. Finalize and implement a blue-print providing options for political, social and economic decentralization including, but not limited to, defining appropriate structures to promote grassroots representation and participation.
6. Develop a framework and programme of work for the new government to elaborate a national shared vision for Liberia that will define the agenda and goals for the country.
7. Identify and commission constitutional experts to identify and define the constitutional implications of the endorsed reform measures, and conduct an analysis and provide recommendations for constitutional reform.

8. Develop, in consultation with international partners, criteria for the eligibility, qualifications and tenure of the membership of the GRC and its Technical Secretariat upon transition of its duties to the elected government of Liberia.
9. Report to the National Legislature periodically (quarterly), on progress made in the pursuance of the above mandates till the future statute of the GRC shall be determined by the Legislature.
10. This Executive Order shall take effect on the 6th day of March A.D., 2006.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA,
THIS DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 2006.

SIGNED:

ELLEN JOHNSON SIRLEAF
PRESIDENT
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA