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## Press Statement

### **INTEGRITY INSTITUTIONS, GOL FUNCTIONARIES, CSOs VALIDATE DRAFT WHISTLE-BLOWER, WITNESS PROTECTION BILLS**

**Thursday, April 20, 2017:** Integrity institutions, Government functionaries and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) today, April 20, 2017 validated the draft Whistle-blower and Witness Protection bills. The draft bills are expected to be submitted to the National Legislature for enactment into law.

The two bills were validated at the end of a one-day (April 20, 2017) validation workshop held at the Corina Hotel in Sinkor. The bills were earlier drafted by participants at a three-day workshop which took place from March 1-3, 2017.

The validation workshop which was organized by the Liberia Anti- Corruption Commission (LACC) in collaboration with integrity institutions, government functionaries and CSOs, brought together Key state-actors drawn from the Ministry of Justice, Governance Commission, Liberia National Bar Association, Law Reform Commission, UNMIL, Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, CENTAL as well as the National Integrity Forum. It was sponsored by UNMIL.

The workshop was also attended by LACC's Executive Chairperson, Cllr. James N. Verdier, Jr., Deputy Justice Minister for Codification, Cllr. Charles Karmo, UNMIL's Chief of Human Rights and Protection Section, Mr. Marcel Akpovo, the Chairman of the Senate's Standing Committee on Autonomous Agencies, Senator Jonathan Kaipay and Representative Larry Younquoi, Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Governance, who all admonished participants to work with diligence and commitment in the validation exercise.

The workshop grew out of the regional workshop on whistleblower and witness protection in the fight against corruption which was held in Monrovia from September 19-21, 2016.

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