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### ULAA URGES THE WEAH'S ADMINISTRATION AND THE NATIONAL LEGISLATURE TO INSTITUTE STRONG MEASURES AGAINST THE PEPETRATORS OF VOILENCE, RAPE AND ABUSERS OF CHILDREN RIGHTS IN THE LIBERIAN SOCIETY

(Washington Dc, May 29, 2020): The Union of Liberian Associations in the Americas (ULAA or Union) expresses deep concerns over the prevailing situations of rampant violence against children especially young girls who are experiencing rape, abuse, sexual harassment and exploitation which are negatively impacting the developmental wellbeing of children in the Liberian Society. Raping of children can lead to emotional abuse and neglect. In this light, the Union vehemently condemns the terror of rape unleashed upon the 15-Year-Old by her Stepfather in Lofa County recently, and also, calling upon the Government of Liberia to immediately bring the perpetrator of this diabolical act to justice without further delay. Furthermore, efforts should be made to build an ever-broader constituency in favor providing awareness through the Gender, Children and Social Protection and Health Ministries in order to seek synergies between strengthening preventive means and improvement of conditions that can lead to stopping sexual abuses and mental health challenges in the wider Liberian society. On the other hand, the Union is urging the Liberian National Legislature to protect our young daughters by steadfastly enacting tougher laws to halt and seek appropriate action against teen-age girls sexual abusers. Finally, the Union calls upon all women organizations to join forces with all civil society and developmental agencies to strengthen community-based protection for young children against abuse, harassment and exploitation in the Liberian society.

#### About ULAA

The Union of Liberian Associations in the Americas (ULAA) is the umbrella organization representing Liberians and their various organizations in the Americas. ULAA is a voluntary, nonprofit, and non-governmental organization formed on July 4, 1974 in Philadelphia, United States of America. The mission of ULAA is to advance the just causes of Liberians and Liberia at home and abroad.