

Liberia Establishes Diplomatic Ties With Kazakhstan and Belarus

NEW YORK, May 05, 2016 (Front Page Africa) — Liberia has established diplomatic relations with the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Republic of Belarus with commitments by all sides to promote and strengthen the friendship in all spheres of developments as the three countries look forward to improving their interactions at the highest levels.

According to a dispatch from New York, the countries, in separate communiqués, also undertook to consolidate friendly relations based on mutual respect for national sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity, as well as non-interference in the internal affairs of one another.

The communiqués further assert that the countries will exert efforts to observe diplomatic protocols including those of the United Nations Charter, the Provisions of the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic Relations of April 18, 1961 and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of April 24, 1963, respectively.

Signing on behalf of the Government of Liberia, the Charge d'Affaires a.i. at the Permanent Mission of Liberia to the United Nations, Mr. George Patten, stressed the importance of establishing relationship between Liberia and the two countries, and urged that further steps be taken to concretize the existing relations for the benefit of the three countries.

He pointed out that by establishing these relations, Liberia, Kazakhstan and Belarus are poised to take their diplomatic interactions to a new level and expressed optimism that the three countries will seize the opportunity to reinforce the spirit of cooperation in both bilateral and multilateral realm.

The Liberian diplomat named education, cultural exchange as well as agricultural technology as some of the areas that could be explored by the countries concerned. He promised to convey the messages of goodwill expressed by the Representatives of Kazakhstan and Belarus on behalf of their respectful Governments to the relevant authorities in Liberia.

In separate remarks, the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan, Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov said that the establishment of formal diplomatic ties between his country and Liberia paves the way for a new partnership that has come to stay and considers this as an historic moment that will be recognized by the Government and the people of Kazakhstan.

He said that Liberia, being one of the oldest Republics in sub-Saharan Africa occupies an enviable position with a rich culture and history.

For his part, the Permanent Representative of Belarus H.E. Andrei Dapkiunas expressed appreciation and hoped that the establishment of formal diplomatic relations between his country and Liberia will open a new chapter and reinforce the existing cordial ties between the two countries. **(END)**