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**Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations ends
three-day mission to Liberia**

Monrovia, Liberia – A five-member Swedish delegation led by the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations, Ambassador Anders Liden, together with representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Sweden, on Tuesday concluded a three-day visit to Liberia. The visit was aimed at gaining a first-hand understanding of peacebuilding initiatives on the ground and to identify potential areas for Swedish development assistance to Liberia.

Speaking to UNMIL Radio, Ambassador Anders Liden said that a major reason for the Swedish delegation's mission to Liberia and Sierra Leone was to explore the possibility of these countries being the focus of the recently established UN Peacebuilding Commission's work. Ambassador Liden said they are also looking into what specific role Sweden can play in supporting a Peace Building Commission in Liberia and how Sweden can contribute to the development of the country.

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Alan Doss, urged the Swedish Government to put Liberia on its priority list for development aid and praised the work of the Swedish troops assigned to UNMIL's Quick Reaction Force.

The delegation visited the Swedish QRF and participated in a reconnaissance mission to the border areas in Nimba County.

During their visit, the Swedish delegation met with other senior UNMIL officials, the Chargé d'Affaires of the European Commission; the Minister of Foreign Affairs; the Acting Minister for Planning and Economic Affairs; the Acting Minister of Justice and the Solicitor General; Commissioners of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission; Representatives of the UN Country Team and representatives from national and international non-governmental organizations in Liberia.
