UN PEACEKEEPING FINISHES ITS MISSION IN LIBERIA

**Why we came?**
Liberia went through two civil wars between 1989 and 2003.

**What we did?**
UNMIL protected civilians, supported humanitarian and human rights activities and assisted in national security reform, including national police training and formation of a new, restructured military.

- Disarmed over 100,000 combatants and secured over 21,000 weapons as well as over 5,000,000 rounds of ammunition.
- Between 2003 and 2018 over 126,000 military, 16,000 police and 23,000 civilian staff served in UNMIL.
- Enabled hundreds of thousands of refugees and displaced persons to return home, including over 26,000 to Côte d’Ivoire.
- Supported the strengthening of Liberian security forces, including integration of women.

**Why are we leaving?**
The state, which had collapsed during the war, reestablished its authority throughout the country.
The country’s justice and security institutions – police, courts, corrections – were rebuilt and deployed throughout the country.
Liberia’s borders became secure.
Economic recovery has regained more than 90% of GDP losses experienced during the conflict.
Today, the vast majority of internally displaced people have returned home, with only approximately 20,000 remaining from the millions originally displaced.

**What is next?**
UN Country Team together with Liberian national and local authorities, and civil society will continue progress on:
- Security Sector Reform and Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR)
- Human Rights and Transitional Justice
- Law Enforcement capacity building
- Social Cohesion
- Sustainable development