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Madam President,

The reported developments regarding the outsourcing of your primary education system to private for-profit, actors are cause for grave concern for Education International.

Education International reiterates the "deep opposition to any moves that would result in the outsourcing and privatisation of education in Liberia" as expressed by our member, the National Teachers Association of Liberia (NTAL) in its letter (attached) to the Liberian Minister of Education, George Werner.

Education International understands that the future productivity and prosperity of every nation is dependent in the educational outcomes and well-being of its children. We therefore join NTAL in urging you to suspend any further action in relation to this unprecedented move and commit to a genuine national consultative process aimed at the development and implementation of sound policy aimed at improving educational opportunity and outcomes for all students.

This course of action would be consistent with the actions of a government wishing to fulfil its obligation to "ensure the provision of inclusive and equitable quality education... for all" consistent with Sustainable Development Goal 4 and its related targets.

Yours sincerely,

Fred van Leeuwen
General Secretary

cc: George Werner, Minister of Education;
Kishore Singh, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education;
Irina Bokova, Secretary General, UNESCO;