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**Inaugural Address of H.E. Emmanuel Patrick Chairman of the Liberian
Community in Rwanda**

During the Second Libcor Inauguration

Hon. Keynote Speaker

Honored Guests

The Leadership of the Liberian Community in Uganda

The National Executive Committee of Libcor

The Chairman and members of the outgoing National Administrative Council

The Advisory Board

My Co-Officers

Esteemed Members of the Liberian Community in Rwanda,

Distinguished Colleagues

Fellow Liberians

Today, as I stand before you with immense gratitude and a deep sense of responsibility, I am humbled to accept the position as your Chairman. This moment marks not only a personal milestone in my journey but also a significant chapter in the ongoing story of our vibrant Liberian community here in Rwanda.

As I reflect on our journey as a community, I am filled with pride at what we have achieved together. From its humble beginnings, our community has blossomed into a vibrant fusion of cultures, experiences, and talents, united by our shared identity and love for Liberia.

We gather here today not only to celebrate our accomplishments but also to acknowledge the challenges that lie ahead. For many of us, the journey has not been easy. We have faced trials, losses, and uncertainties. Yet, amidst these challenges, we have shown resilience, strength, and a commitment to uplift one another.

As your Chairman, my vision for our community is grounded in unity, empowerment, and progress. Together, we will forge a stronger bond among ourselves, bridging gaps and fostering inclusivity. It is imperative that we create an environment where every voice is heard, every talent is recognized, and every member feels valued.

Distinguished Colleagues, it is common knowledge that our community has faced several challenges due to the absence of a Liberian Foreign Missions in Rwanda and the lack of recognition of our community.

As we embark on this new chapter, I want to emphasize the top priorities that will shape our agenda moving forward. First on our list is the **registration of our community**. It is imperative that we solidify our existence and ensure that every Liberian in Rwanda is accounted for and has a voice. A comprehensive registration process will not only enhance our visibility but also strengthen our representation within the broader Rwandan society. Together, we will establish a platform that fosters inclusivity and active participation from every member.

In addition to registration, we are of the conviction that securing an **office space** for the Liberian Community will be a crucial step in establishing a strong foothold here in Rwanda. Having a dedicated office will allow us to centralize our activities, host community meetings, and provide a resource center for all Liberians. It will be a place where ideas can flourish, where members can seek assistance, and where we can collectively strategize on the issues that matter most to us. Finding a suitable and accessible office space will be one of our immediate goals considering that without it, we can not proceed with our registration. In this regard, I want to plead with you our distinguished guest, and fellow members of our Community to join hands with us in contributing to this endeavor.

Further, as a person who takes pride in the ideas that promise once made must be kept and In keeping with our promises made during the elections, I am pleased and honored to Launch the official website of our Community. Liberian Community in Rwanda or libcor.org

Fellow Liberians, in this digital age, having a robust online presence is essential for communication, outreach, and engagement. Our website will serve as a hub for information, resources, and updates for all members of our community, as well as a platform to showcase our culture and contributions to Rwanda. We will work diligently to ensure that our website is user-friendly, informative, and reflective of our rich heritage.

As your Chairman, my commitment is to serve with transparency, integrity, and dedication. I encourage each of you to engage in constructive dialogue, share your ideas, and collaborate with one another. It is through our collective efforts that we will achieve our goals and make a lasting impact.

Distinguished Guest, fellow Liberians, for too long we have witnessed the bar of leadership in our community lowered, we have seen firsthand mismanagement, misappropriation, and in its broader sense, corruption perpetuated in our community. Let me assure you today! Moving forward there will be accountability.

A wise person once said "it is easy to make promises but it is hard work to keep them". This quote resonates deeply with our committing to accountability. With this, our administration is dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of accountability, ensuring that leaders are held accountable for their actions.

In closing, Our goal is to build a community where trust is paramount, and every member feels confident that their needs and concerns are being addressed with honesty and clarity.

We want to build a community where each one help one, and the challenges of one person becomes the problem of all.

We want to build a community where everyone takes ownership of the successes and failures. It is in our power to shape our future and effect meaningful changes that we all can be proud of.

Fellow Liberians, the financial position of our community is in total distress, and in order to support our National Budget, we want to officially launch a 2k rwf rally beginning today August 24 till September 24, 2024. we kindly plead with you, to join us in leading this change.

let us remember that our strength lies in our unity. Together, we can navigate the challenges ahead and celebrate our successes. I look forward to working with every one of you as we embark on this journey together.

Thank you, and let us continue to lift each other up as we forge a brighter future for the Liberian Community in Rwanda.

God bless you all, and God bless Liberia!