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I have the honour to inform you that, pursuant to the final communiqué issued at the end of the fourth meeting of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Committee of Nine on Liberia, held at Abuja, Nigeria, on 17 August 1996, extending the Abuja Agreement and outlining a programme for its implementation (S/1996/679 and Corr.1, annex), Mrs. Ruth Perry, former Senator of Grand Cape County, was selected as Chairman of the Council of State of the Liberian National Transitional Government (LNTG), replacing Mr. Wilton Sankawulo.

In this connection, Her Excellency Mrs. Ruth Perry was administered the oath of office as Chairman of the Council of State, LNTG, on Tuesday, 3 September 1996, by Associate Justice Hall Badio during ceremonies held at the Centennial Memorial Pavilion in Monrovia. In attendance were members of the Council of State; officials of Government; traditional leaders; His Excellency Chief Tom Ikimi, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Special Representative of His Excellency General Sani Abacha, Head of State of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Chairman of ECOWAS; Mr. Anthony Nyakyi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General to Liberia, Organization of African Unity Eminent Person for Liberia, Mr. Canaan Banana; members of the diplomatic corps; Major General Victor Malu, Field Commander of the Economic Community of West African States Monitoring Group (ECOMOG); representatives of United Nations agencies, non-governmental organizations and civilian groups.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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