

The Guiding Principles on Internally Displaced Persons

Instrument of Adoption

Mindful that the crisis of internal displacement affects over twenty million people worldwide, including segments of the people of Liberia affected by years of civil war and unrest,

Recognizing that the National Transitional Government of Liberia has the foremost authority and responsibility for internally displaced persons within Liberia's borders,

Affirming that internally displaced persons have certain rights and freedoms that are based on international humanitarian and human rights instruments, many of which Liberia is a resolute party to,

Further recognizing that the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement, as issued by the Secretary-General's Special Representative on Internally Displaced Persons and fully supported by the Inter-Agency Standing Committee of the United Nations, provide guidance and support to nations in the discharge of protections, guarantees and fundamental rights to internally displaced populations within their borders,

Committed to ensuring that internally displaced persons in Liberia enjoy the rights and guarantees to set forth in the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement,

Determined to foster a legal and institutional framework in Liberia that can make use of the guidance provided by the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement,

The National Transitional Government of Liberia does hereby adopt in Perry Town, Liberia, on 8 November 2004, the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement to serve as a source of ongoing guidance and reference for the protection, dignity and rights of internally displaced persons, who themselves are the People of Liberia and are worthy of the rights and freedoms thereof.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Gyude Bryant', is written over a faint, circular official stamp.

C. Gyude Bryant

Chairman, National Transitional Government of Liberia