

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES - Wednesday, September 9, 2015

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf dedicated the new headquarters of Peace Corps Liberia on 11th Street, Sinkor describing the dedication as a clear indication that the Peace Corps are back.

She thanked the US Ambassador Deborah Malac and the people of the US who continue to remain a true ally and said Government waits anxiously for their return to take up their assignments in various parts of the country as this will open a new chapter aimed at the cross-pollination of skills and knowledge.

On July 30, 2014 the Peace Corps temporarily removed its volunteers from Liberia, due to the increasing spread of the Ebola virus disease. There were 108 volunteers working in the area of education prior to the outbreak.

- Brussels Airlines' Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mr. Bernard Gustin today informed President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of a number of decisions taken by his company when he paid her a courtesy call.

Among the new interventions in its operations in Liberia, Brussels Airlines announced an increase in the number of flights to Liberia from two to four times weekly (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays); while the airline's crew will now use Monrovia as a base (sleep over). There will also be a stop-over in Freetown en route to Monrovia and a non-stop flight from Monrovia to Brussels. These decisions, including the removal of Liberia from its Travel Advisory List, were taken last week by the Belgium authorities based on the country's "Ebola free status".

He also indicated that towards December 2015 and January 2016, Brussels Airlines will lead an economic mission to Liberia as the country seeks to enhance national recovery after the very devastating Ebola crisis that claimed the lives of over 4,000 persons with consequences on the country's economy.

For her part, President Sirleaf thanked the CEO of Brussels Airlines and the entire management team for the new interventions and for standing firmly by Liberia during the entire Ebola crisis.

She acknowledged that the new pronouncement was very good news for Liberia, adding that increasing flights to four days a week and using the country as a crew base was a clear message to the rest of the world that Liberia is once again free and back in the business of development and progress.

Mr. Gustin, who is also Chairman of the Management Board of Brussels Airlines, was accompanied by the airline's Country Manager, Federick Vloeberghs.

- Later, President Sirleaf held a Cabinet Meeting that discussed a wide range of issues affecting the State