

Highlights of the President's Activities

Friday, November 14, 2014

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf received a high-level EU delegation led by the EU Ebola Coordinator/Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management, Mr. Christos Stylianides and the EU Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Mr. Vytenis Andriukaitis.

The Liberian leader used the opportunity to congratulate Mr. Stylianides for his preferment and welcomed his delegation to Liberia. She briefed them on the current status of the fight against the deadly Ebola virus disease.

She also stressed that going forward international assistance will be most required in strengthening the healthcare system as well as overall support for the National Economic Recovery Plan of the Government for the post-Ebola era. She expressed the hope that the EU will be a partner to rely on in this regard.

President Sirleaf particularly requested the EU's support in changing the Ebola response by targeting more attention and support to communities, integrating the Ebola intervention with the public and regular healthcare services and support to the government's energy program.

Finance and Development Planning Minister Amara Konneh gave a special update on the impact of the disease on the economy reflecting a 20 percent decline in revenue and the National Economic Recovery Plan for post-Ebola; while Dr. Emmanuel Dolo provided updates on the specific interventions and current status of the fight against the further spread of the virus.

- President Sirleaf also had an audience with the humanitarian non-governmental organization, Save the Children. A three-member delegation headed by former Public Works Minister, Samuel Kofi Woods, Interim Country Director-Liberia, Greg Ramm and Sabine Copinga from Save the Children-Netherlands, paid a courtesy call on the Liberian leader.

They renewed its commitment to standing by Liberia in its difficult period and will continue to be a trusted partner in child protection.

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf received the Letters of Credence of the new Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and the Kingdom of Morocco accredited to Liberia respectively, His Excellency Mr. Rabah Fassih and His Excellency Mr. Majid Halim. Both Ambassadors are residence in Conakry, Guinea.

The Liberian leader received the two new Ambassadors at separate ceremonies at her Foreign Ministry office.

- Later in the evening, President Sirleaf had an interview with *TIME* Magazine's Aryn Baker.