

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Monday, October 19, 2015

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf received the Letters of Credence of the new Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Sweden to Liberia, Her Excellency Ms. Lena Nordström today.

Ambassador Nordström replaces H.E. Sofia Strand, Sweden's first resident Ambassador to post-conflict Liberia, who completed her tour of duty here recently.

The Liberian leader welcomed the renewed commitment of the Swedish Government to collaborate with Liberia in areas deemed very significant to the country's recovery process including: peace-building and security, democracy and human rights, agriculture, gender based-violence, as well as the Swedish Government's Feminist-oriented Foreign Policy.

For her part, Ambassador Nordström confirmed that the relationship between both countries has grown stronger and her task is to make sure that they become broader and stronger,

She indicated that development cooperation continues to be an important aspect of the relations between Sweden and Liberia and her government will soon approve a new strategy that will guide the partnership between both countries over the next five years. The bilateral allocation will remain around US\$32 million annually.

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has received the Letters of Credence from the new Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Liberia, His Excellency Mr. Alaa Khaira Issa.

President Sirleaf said she was pleased to officially welcome Ambassador Issa to the country as he embarks on his new assignment and assured that the Government will work with the new Ambassador to build upon the successes both countries have jointly attained in Liberia-Egypt relations; as well as to strengthen mutual trust between the two governments and peoples; expand mutually beneficial cooperation in trade, investment, commerce, and technical assistance; and strengthen education, knowledge-sharing and cultural interchange.

In response, the new Egyptian Ambassador reiterated the long standing relationship that subsists between both countries. He promised to share the brotherly love of the people of Egypt with their Liberian brethren and assured President Sirleaf that during my stay in Liberia, which he termed his second home, he will spare no effort to strengthen the bonds between both governments and peoples.