

REMARKS
BY
HIS EXCELLENCY DR. GEORGE MANNEH WEAH
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
AT A
RECEPTION
MARKING THE OPENING OF THE 2nd SITTING OF THE 54th
LEGISLATURE
THE CAPITOL BUILDING
CAPITOL HILL
MONROVIA, LIBERIA
JANUARY 14, 2019

Madam Vice President and President of the Senate;
Mr. Speaker, and Members of the Legislature;
Mr. President Pro-Tempore, and Members of the Senate;
Mr. Chief Justice, and Judges of the Supreme Court;
The Dean and Members of the Cabinet;
The Doyen and Members of the Diplomatic Corps;

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

Let me seize this opportunity to give thanks and praise to the Almighty God for his grace and benevolence which has allowed all of us to assemble here today in observance of ceremonies marking the Opening of the 2nd Sitting of the 54th Legislature.

It is my hope that you had a restful break, and that you spent a Pleasant Christmas with your families and your constituents. I would also like to wish you a Happy and Productive New Year. May all your endeavors be crowned with success, as you embark upon the work of the people during this new Sitting.

The National Legislature, as the First Branch of our government, plays a very pivotal role in our constitutional democratic system. Through its oversight and law-making functions, the Legislature keeps our nation on an even keel and coordinates with the other two branches of Government to deliver peace, security, development and prosperity for our people.

Madam Vice President, Mr. Speaker, Mr. President Pro Tempore,
Honorable Members of the National Legislature, the year 2019 will be a very critical year in terms of our national objective of consolidation of the peace and taking our people from poverty.

During the launch of our National Development Plan, the Prop-Poor

Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD), I asked for the collective effort and cooperation of all Liberians, particularly those of us in leadership, so that together, as a people, we can transform Liberia into a modern nation.

We were elected by our people to serve. We must therefore work together to ensure that we deliver to their expectations in all areas, such as education, health, infrastructure, peace and security and agriculture.

I would like to commend you for the excellent work that you completed during the 1st Sitting of this Legislature last year.

Although you passed a significant number of important Acts, there are still a few pending before you which I now urge you to complete.

Meanwhile, in keeping with requirements of the Constitution of the Republic, I will present my legislative agenda and report to you on The State of the Nation in my Annual Message to be delivered at the End of this month.

I will use that opportunity to urge all branches of the government to coordinate and collaborate in the interest of our beloved country.

During this sitting, I admonish you to continue to carry out your Legislative activities in the supreme interest of our people.

I THANK YOU