

**Remarks by Her Excellency President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
At Launching of the 150-Day Action Plan
Tuesday, February 28, 2012**

My Fellow Liberians and Friends of Liberia:

We are today to fulfill one of the many pledges that we made to the Liberian people during the campaign: to launch a set of deliberate actions that our Administration will undertake in the first 150 days after the formation of the government. It is this 150-Day Action Plan which is being launched today.

The challenges we face today are different than the ones we faced six years ago. This difference is because of the enormous progress we have made in terms of consolidating peace and security, revitalizing the economy, strengthening governance and the rule of law, and rebuilding infrastructure and providing basic services.

Now that we have laid the foundation for rapid, sustainable and inclusive growth, it is time for us to radically transform our economy so that every Liberian has the opportunity to participate in the governing process, as well as benefit from the wealth of our nation. In other words, in our 2030 Vision we say that in our Poverty Reduction Strategy, we “lifted Liberia”. As we go forward, we now are going to “lift Liberians.”

While we are in the process of developing a long-term national vision – the **Liberia RISING 2030** – and an accompanying five-year economic growth and development strategy – **An Agenda for Transformation through Action** – we also want to acknowledge that our young people did send us a message a strong message during the election. The 150-Day Action Plan has one simple message in reply: We hear you!

This Action Plan, and the Agenda of this Government in the second term, will respond to the needs for jobs, better infrastructure and economic opportunity by spreading the benefits of growth to all of our citizens. It will pursue a healed and unified nation and an open, accountable and transparent democracy where empowered citizens can patriotically exercise their voice, their rights and their responsibilities.

Throughout all these efforts, the needs and voices of our young people will be foremost on our minds. Ultimately, we believe that these are the factors on which Liberia's reconciliation and success depends.

The five major planks of this 150-Day Action Plan are:

- 1. Reconciliation, Youth Empowerment, and National Visioning***
- 2. Jobs, Education, and Better Services***
- 3. Infrastructure and Economic Development***
- 4. Governance, Rights, and Transparency***
- 5. Security, Justice, and the Rule of Law***

In order to ensure that the Administration is committed to the scrupulous implementation of this Plan, each Cabinet Minister has been asked to include these actions in their performance contract that covers the period February 1 to June 30, 2012. We are going to also include the State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs), so they too are made accountable. Failure to ensure that these actions are implemented will constitute a performance issue and will not be taken lightly.

The Minister of Finance has been asked to chair a Steering Committee that will oversee the implementation of the 150-Day Action Plan. He will put in place a

Task Force that includes the LRDC and the Program Delivery Unit in my Office to coordinate the implementation.

Again, as we launch this Action Plan, let me solicit the support and cooperation of the private sector, civil society, ordinary citizens in its monitoring and evaluation. Please don't wait until things get out of hand before raising the red flag. I urge you to contact the relevant implementing agency or the coordinating LRDC to address or mitigate any shortcomings before they adversely affect delivery and outcome.

I urge you, the media, to become an effective and constructive partner with the Government in this regard.

Thank you, and we call upon all the Liberian people to be a part of this effort to join hands, each one doing his part, to ensure that we indeed affect the lives of all Liberians.