

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT’S DAILY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, February 15, 2015

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf travelled to Conakry, Guinea where she joined her colleagues at an Extraordinary Summit of the Mano River Union. The Summit brought together host President Alpha Condé of Guinea, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia, President Ernest Bai Koroma of Sierra Leone, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Representative of President Alassane Ouattara of Côte d’Ivoire, Mr. Charles Koffi Diby.

At the end of the Summit, in a Declaration, the MRU Heads of State and Government committed themselves to achieving “Zero Ebola Infection” within the next 60 days beginning Sunday, February 15, 2015. However, they appealed to the International Community to provide all necessary support to achieve this objective.

They approved the strategy for reaching and sustaining “Zero Ebola Infection” in the sub-region with special emphasis on infection prevention control, social mobilization, community engagement, surveillance, cross border collaboration, instituting robust and sustainable social protection programmes, providing mental and psychosocial support and ensuring coordination.

The Heads of State and Government endorsed the Post-Ebola Socio-Economic Frameworks prepared by Ministers in order to mobilize required resources for implementation; noting the emphasis on instituting sustainable healthcare delivery systems, reopening of educational institutions, revitalizing the agriculture sector, addressing the needs of women, children, youth, orphans, survivors and persons with disability, as well as implementing the Mano River Union-African Development Bank Initiative on critical infrastructure needs and improving governance.

They have directed their Ministers to harmonize and consolidate the regional and country specific documents, including the costs of intervention to be presented at the Brussels meeting on March 3rd, 2015 with the aim of mobilizing the regional support.

The Heads of State and Government appointed President Sirleaf as Spokesperson for the MRU at the March 3rd, 2015 European Union Ebola Conference in Brussels.

They welcomed planned meetings by bilateral and multilateral partners and urged them to adopt the MRU and country specific strategies. They called upon them to go beyond ties and relationships in supporting the affected countries, among other decisions.