

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT’S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Tuesday, August 25, 2015

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has endorsed the National Oil Company of Liberia (NOCAL) Board’s approved Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) aimed at ensuring the viability of the entity so that it continues to pursue its mission to develop Liberia’s hydrocarbon resources effectively in the best interest of the nation.

She spoke today in a nationwide address delivered from her Foreign Ministry office

The Liberian leader said the Board’s Action Plan calls for drastic steps to bring costs under control and put NOCAL on a more viable financial footing, adding that these would include significant staff cuts, a reconstitution of the Board, and retirement/replacement of the senior executive leadership. Madam Sirleaf described the steps as necessary to ensure that NOCAL can perform its duties to manage and develop Liberia’s oil resources, and to rectify recent mistakes in its performance.

- The Liberian leader departed the country for Tokyo, Japan to attend the 2nd World Assembly for Women: WAW 2015 which runs from August 28 to 29, 2015.

At the opening, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will deliver a statement; while the Liberian leader will deliver the Keynote Address. The Executive Director of UN Women, Ms. Mlambo-Ngcuka will also make remarks. The symposium takes place at the Grand Prince Hotel Takanawa, New Takanawa.

The Women Assembly for Women, being held under the theme: “WAW! For All”, brings together 140 leaders of various fields from more than 40 countries and seven international organizations. It is one of the efforts to achieve “A Society where Women Shine’ and continues to be one of the priority issues of the Government of Japanese Prime Minister Shino Abe.

During President Sirleaf’s brief absence from the country, the Minister of State for Presidential Affairs, Dr. Edward B. McClain, Jr., will coordinate the work of the Cabinet in consultation with Vice President, Dr. Joseph N. Boakai, Sr. She is expected back on Sunday, August 30, 2015