

Keynote Address

Delivered by

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At Program Marking the 80th Anniversary of the United Nations

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The Dean and Members of the Cabinet, and other Government Officials;

United Nations Resident Coordinator and Heads of International Organizations;

Doyen and Members of the Diplomatic Corps;

The Margibi Legislative Caucus;

County Superintendent, Commissioners, Chiefs, and Elders of Margibi County;

Student Groups;

Distinguished Guests;

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a moment of pride for our country today as we celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the United Nations. As a founding member of this truly global organization, we recall that our decision in 1945 to sign the Charter in San Francisco was made with a deep sense of duty to humanity and to our common world. We therefore celebrate with joy the UN's global accomplishments as we reflect on Liberia's proud history as a founding member of this respected organization.

As a nation, Liberia has always been committed to the ideals of the United Nations, and we take great pride in our legacy of advancing peace, security, and human rights. Since its inception, the UN has been a cornerstone of global cooperation.

As we celebrate its achievements, under the theme “Better Together: 80 years and more for Peace, Development and Human Rights,” we are reminded of the importance of the values it represents: equality, justice, and solidarity.

The United Nations stands as a beacon of hope and cooperation for all peoples and nations, working tirelessly to uphold the values of peace, security, development, and human rights.

Today, we reaffirm Liberia’s continued support for the UN’s mission and underscore our belief and leadership in advancing global peace and solidarity.

Looking ahead to Liberia’s term on the United Nations Security Council in 2026, we recognize the importance of collective action in addressing the world’s pressing challenges—from sustainable development and climate change to humanitarian crises and conflict resolution.

Liberia remains steadfast in its support for multilateralism and will continue to contribute to the efforts of the UN in achieving these goals.

Today, as we reflect on the UN's impact on global peace and development, it is essential that we continue to strengthen our partnerships, not only with the UN but also with regional organizations such as the African Union and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). These partnerships are crucial as we navigate complex challenges and build sustainable, equitable societies for future generations.

We recognize that much remains to be done. However, Liberia remains firm in its commitment to upholding the values of the UN Charter, which include peaceful coexistence, human dignity, and social progress.

Liberia’s engagement with the UN has shaped both our foreign policy and strengthened our domestic programs. We remain dedicated to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We will continue to prioritize education, healthcare, economic growth, and climate action as we work to build a resilient and self-sustaining nation.

I also want to sincerely thank the United Nations Resident Coordinator, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and everyone who has worked tirelessly to make this event possible.

The combined efforts of all government sectors, the diplomatic community, civil society, and Liberia’s citizens are crucial to our continued success as a nation on the international stage.

I reaffirm Liberia's commitment to working with the UN, our regional partners, and the international community to foster peace, promote development, and protect human rights. We remain dedicated to the UN's core values of multilateralism and global cooperation, which are more critical now than ever before.

Together, we will keep working toward a future of prosperity, stability, and sustainable development for everyone, making sure that the UN's vision stays at the core of Liberia's foreign and domestic policies.

Thank you for your commitment to these shared goals and thank you to the United Nations for its continued support of Liberia and the global community.

Long live the United Nations, long live our common pledge to global peace and security.