Special Launching Statement By His Excellency Joseph Nyuma Boakai, Sr.

President of the Republic of Liberia on the Occasion of the Official Launching of the SPPCC Yellow Machines Project

Paynesville, Liberia, Monday, November 16, 2026

My Fellow Liberians,

Today, we take another step toward building a more connected, productive, and prosperous nation. We have gathered here and throughout the country to officially launch a national initiative that will help transform rural infrastructure, strengthen our agricultural economy, and improve the daily lives of our people across the country.

We are launching the national deployment of 285 pieces of heavy earthmoving and support equipment, organized through 19 operational hubs serving all 15 counties of Liberia.

These machines, which we have come to know as Yellow Machines, represent much more than an investment in equipment. They represent an investment in our people, our farmers, our communities, and Liberia's future.

For too long, poor and no road conditions have remained one of the greatest obstacles to development in our rural communities. Across our country, hardworking farmers produce food and agricultural products. Yet many struggle to bring their harvests to market because of deplorable road conditions.

During the rainy season, roads become difficult or impossible to travel, communities become isolated, transportation costs rise, food prices rise, and agricultural produce is lost. Even more so, access to schools, hospitals, and essential services becomes a daily challenge. This unfortunate reality is what we seek to change. And today, we are taking an important step toward doing so.

Fellow Liberians,

These 285 machines, operating through 19 strategically positioned hubs, will support the rehabilitation, improvement, and maintenance of feeder roads and farm-to-market roads, among other roads, throughout our country.

Our objective goes beyond building roads: roads that become impassable within a year are not sustainable. This initiative will build long-term national capacity to operate and maintain our own equipment and keep them ready. Achieving this requires a robust, regular maintenance program.

The acquisition of these heavy equipment is only the first step. The real challenge is to ensure that these machines remain operational, productive, safe, and properly maintained over many years. Heavy equipment is expensive. It is technically demanding, and it requires professional management. Without proper maintenance, even the best machines will eventually break down.

Maintenance! Maintenance!! maintenance!!!

That is why the mandate given to the Special Presidential Project Coordinating Committee (SPPCC) at the outset is to adopt a maintenance-first approach in everything we do. Preventive maintenance must be part of our daily operations. And technical problems must be addressed before they become major failures.

The SPPCC, working with the relevant government institutions, must ensure that professional operating procedures, maintenance schedules, technical support systems, and performance monitoring are firmly established. The same discipline that has brought us to today's launch must now guide the daily operations of this national program. There would be future consideration to reward counties with good maintenance

Fellow Liberians,

A road is not merely a path between two places. It is a connection between people and opportunity. Every improved feeder road can help a farmer earn more. Every reliable farm-to-market road can help strengthen food security. Every connected community can become more active in the national economy. And every county that benefits from improved infrastructure contributes to the prosperity of our Republic.

I expect the Ministry of Public Works, the Yellow Machines Board of Authority (YMBOA), the SPPCC, and all responsible institutions to maintain high standards of accountability, efficiency, and operational discipline. We must plan carefully, monitor performance, and continuously improve our systems.

The true measure of success will not be today's ceremony. It will be the condition of our roads five years from now. If these machines are still working, if our roads remain accessible, and if our communities benefit from better infrastructure, then we will know this investment has delivered lasting value.

Compatriots,

Let me express my special appreciation to Vice President Jeremiah Kpan Koung, the late Minister of State, Sylvester Grigsby, the Minister of State without Portfolio, Mamaka Bility, the Ministry of Public Works, the Armed Forces of Liberia, the General Services Agency, and the entire SPPCC Team for their commitment and hard work in making this day possible. Your responsibility, however, does not end today.

To our operators, mechanics, managers, and technical personnel, I say: these machines are now entrusted to your care. Operate them responsibly. Maintain them professionally. Manage them efficiently. And take pride in the service you provide to your country.

To the Liberian people, I say: these machines belong to Liberia, and their purpose is to serve you. Let us protect this investment and work together to ensure its success.

Let the machines we deploy today become instruments of progress. Let the roads we improve become pathways to prosperity. And let the communities we connect become the foundation of a stronger Liberia.

Together, through hard work, discipline, professional management, and proper maintenance, we can turn this national investment into lasting development.

And now, it is my honor, as President of the Republic of Liberia, to officially launch this national initiative, county by county!

Grand Kru County, are you ready?!

Maryland County, are you ready?!

River Gee County, are you ready?!

Sinoe County, are you ready?!

Grand Gedeh County, are you ready?!

River Cess County, are you ready?!

Grand Cape Mount County, are you ready?!

Gbarpolu County, are you ready?!

Bomi County, are you ready?!

Montserrado County, are you ready?!

Margibi County, are you ready?!

Bong County, are you ready?!

Grand Bassa County, are you ready?!

Nimba County, are you ready?!

And finally, Lofa County, are you ready?!

LIBERIA, ARE YOU READY?!

Then, let the machines begin their work! Let the roads connect our communities! Let our farmers reach their markets! And let development and prosperity reach every county of our beloved Republic!

With great honor, pride and anticipation, I hereby officially declare the SPPCC YELLOW MACHINE PROJECT OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED, simultaneously all through our fifteen countries, this 16th day of November in the year 2026.

May God bless our people and save the Republic of Liberia!

Thank you.