

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 56**

## RENEWAL OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 42 - WAIVER OF TAXES AND TARIFFS ON ANTI-MALARIA COMMODITIES AND PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, malaria is a disease caused by a parasite transmitted from person to person by the bite of the female Anopheles mosquito;

WHEREAS, although malaria is preventable, insufficient resources, coupled with a climate very hospitable to the deadliest strain of malaria and the most efficient mosquito vector, have made the disease a leading cause of sickness and death among African children;

WHEREAS, African Heads of State and Government working to end malariarelated deaths established the African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA) to keep malaria high on the political and policy level at global, national and local levels; to provide a forum for high-level, collective advocacy to ensure an efficient global procurement system with an emphasis on funding, manufacturing, and distribution of anti-malaria products, and to provide a forum to share best practices, review progress and address challenges in meeting malaria challenges;

WHEREAS, all members of ALMA, including the Government of Liberia, are committed to achieving the United Nations' goal of universal access to malaria control interventions to end preventable deaths by 2015;

WHEREAS, all members of ALMA are requested to remove tariffs on antimalaria commodities and products;

**WHEREAS**, in the exercise of the Executive Power vested in the President by the Constitution, the President issued Executive Order No. 42 waiving taxes and tariffs on anti-malaria commodities and products;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Government of Liberia, as a demonstration of its continuous commitment to the United Nations and ALMA goals, hereby waives all taxes and tariffs on key anti-malaria commodities and products as shall be determined jointly by the Ministry of Health & Social Welfare and the Ministry of Finance.



This Executive Order shall take immediate effect on the date as specified below.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, THIS 25<sup>et</sup> DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2014.

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

PRESIDENT REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA