HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES – Monday, October 26, 2015

President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, today, officially commissioned a new US\$5.7 million PET (plastic) bottling line, a new science and technology school as well as launched the Coca-Cola Africa Foundation's five new Water Health Centers that will provide safe water access to over 61,000 Liberians at the Liberia Coca-Cola Bottling Company and Duport Road, respectively.

The Coca-Cola Bottling Company's first PET bottling line begins production at its Monrovia facility immediately. The new capabilities will expand Coca-Cola's beverages to include more convenient plastic bottles for Coca-Cola, Fanta, Sprite, and water. It will also serve as a regional export hub for Sierra Leone and Guinea. An estimated 7,500 direct and indirect employment opportunities will be created over the next five years across Coca-Cola's locally sourced supply-chain of distributors, retailers and material suppliers.

As part of Coca-Cola Africa Foundation's Safe Water for Africa program, it launched five new Water Health Centers in Liberia. A total of seven new Centers will be inaugurated by the end of the year (2015), providing safe, clean water access and sanitation to a total of 61,000 persons.

The Alexander Cummings Model Science and Technology School will provide state-of-the-art technical facilities for an intake of over 300 students. The school built with partner support from the Ministry of Education, Paynesville City Corporation and Chevron Liberia Limited will further expand to include 12 classrooms as well as a science and computer laboratory, library and other academic facilities.

Meanwhile, the Liberian leader departed the country today for official visits to India and the People's Republic of China (PRC) beginning October 27 through November 6, 2015.

She will participate in the third edition of the India - Africa Forum Summit which takes place in New Delhi from October 28 – 30, 2015, and will later undertake a State Visit to the People's Republic of China from November 1 - 6, 2015.

While President Sirleaf is away from the country, the Minister of Defense, Mr. Brownie J. Samukai, will serve as Chairman of the Cabinet in consultation with Vice President Joseph N. Boakai.