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Continental News

South Africa Criticized for Abstaining on UN Ukraine Resolution

South Africa chose to abstain Wednesday when the United Nations General Assembly voted on a resolution calling on its BRICS partner, Russia, to withdraw its military forces from Ukraine. South Africa's U.N. ambassador defended the move, but some South Africans were unhappy with the decision.

South Africa was one of 17 African nations that abstained.

In a statement, South Africa's U.N. Ambassador Mathu Joyini objected to the phrasing of the resolution, saying it "does not create an environment conducive for diplomacy, dialogue and mediation."

Political science professor Bheki Mngomezulu said South Africa is also influenced by its historical ties to the former Soviet Union.

"There are a number of South Africans, most of whom are now in government, who trained both in Russia and Ukraine. So, they do have relations with Ukraine. And the majority of the people are of the view that the liberation struggle was supported solely by Russia in

terms of these two countries, but the reality of the matter is all the countries that were part of the USSR participated in terms of assisting the liberation struggle not only in South Africa but in Africa in general," Mngomezulu said.

The main opposition party in South Africa, the Democratic Alliance, released a statement condemning the country's stance. The party's shadow minister for international relations Darren Bergman said the party is shocked that South Africa could abstain from such a

vote.

"This was an opportune time for South Africa to take a stand and to assert itself on the international stage," Bergman said.

He said considering how hard South Africans fought to end the racially oppressive system of apartheid and get the right to vote, and how the international community helped them win their fight, they should've repaid the favor.

"An abstention or voting for Russia is pretty much the

same language. It's a vote against Ukraine. It's a vote against peace, and it's a condonation of the violence that's currently taking place in Ukraine," Bergman said.

Other South Africans added their voices to the chorus of disappointment, including analyst Mngomezulu.

"Of course, it doesn't paint the country in a positive light, more especially because part of South Africa's foreign policy agenda is to respect human rights, and in this case it's clear that the human rights of the

Ukrainians [have] been affected," Mngomezulu.

Ronnie Gotkin, who was out for an afternoon stroll in the summer sunshine, said he was outraged.

"I think it's pretty appalling. It's not taking a moral stance. I understand that in the real world there are politics and allies, but sometimes morality should trump out," Gotkin said.

In all, 141 nations voted in favor of the resolution, five nations, including Russia, voted no, and 35 abstained.

Eritrea was the only African nation to vote with Russia. VOA



Ethiopia Calls for Restraint in Ukraine Crisis

Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has called for restraint in the Ukraine conflict, noting his country's own suffering after a year of war. The statement notably did not condemn Russia for invading its neighbor.

Many countries over the past week have condemned the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Ethiopia refrained from joining the chorus Thursday,

pathways toward reaching an end to hostilities,

and noted that Ethiopia's own war in the Tigray region has devastated communities and families and has damaged the country's economy.

However, the statement did not condemn any entity for the conflict in Ukraine.

A day earlier, Ethiopia also abstained from voting on a United Nations General Assembly vote that called on



Ethiopia Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed

issuing an official statement in which it called for restraint from both parties in the Ukraine crisis.

The statement from the office of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said Ethiopia is concerned by what it termed the escalation of rhetoric that is intensifying the conflict.

It called on all parties to find away. So, in that attack we have lost seven persons," he said.

Bilal said the officials were on a meet-the-people tour of Ekondo Titi. He said during the tour, the officials were expected to educate civilians on braving separatists and relaunch economic activities in their towns and villages. Bilal

Russia to remove its troops from Ukraine.

Ethiopian officials have not explained the decision to avoid condemning Moscow. However, Ethiopia had close ties to the Soviet Union during the 14-year rule of Mengistu Haile Mariam, and a number of Ethiopian students are currently studying in Russia. VOA

said the officials were also asking civilians to report suspected fighters hiding in their towns and villages.

Cameroon's military on Thursday said troops were deployed to Ekondo Titi shortly after the explosion. The military said the troops will track and arrest or kill the fighters should government troops face any resistance from the rebels. VOA

Cameroon Says Rebel Bomb Kills Officials

Anglophone separatists in Cameroon have claimed responsibility for an attack Wednesday that killed seven people, including a senior official and a mayor. Cameroon's military says the officials were on a tour to raise support against the rebels when a homemade

bomb hit their car.

The government said the explosive device hit the officials' car in Bekora village in the Ekondo Titi district of Cameroon's English-speaking South-West region. The government says six officials, including Timothee Aboloa, highest government official in Ekondo Titi, Nanji Kenneth,

mayor of Ekondo Titi and Ebeku William, the Ekondo Titi president of Cameroon's ruling Cameroon People's Democratic Movement party, died on the spot.

Cameroon's military said after the device exploded, separatist fighters hiding in a nearby bush started shooting.

Bernard Okalia Bilal is the governor of the South-West region. Bilal said several government troops sustained injuries, and a military official died while being rushed to a local hospital by the military. Bilal spoke during a press conference broadcast by local media including Cameroon state broadcaster CRTV.

"All the six occupants of the car died. The other forces of law and order [military] who were in the pickup following the [officials'] car was wounded. One young officer, a lieutenant, was wounded, and he too passed



EDITORIAL

Minister Isaac Doe, the woman beater

NEWS THAT THE deputy minister for youth development at the ministry of youth and sports Isaac Doe, brutally assaulted a woman believed to be his girlfriend over the weekend is despicable and highly disappointing. How disgusting it is that a senior official of the Weah administration would go to this extent of disgracing womanhood in public!

THIS UNCOUTH ACT by the talkshow personality clearly contradicts the character he portrays on the famous SpoonTalk, as an ardent supporter and promoter of good mannerism, good governance and respect for human dignity, especially women. According to a FrontpageAfrica's publication, the CEO of Spoon Communication, Stanton Whitespace, has with immediate effect, suspended Mr. Isaac Doe from the live panel show, pending full investigation of the matter.

HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT in Monrovia seems to be conspicuously silent on the issue except Minister Doe's immediate boss, Minister Zeogar Wilson, who has reportedly acknowledged the incident, but disclosed that calls placed to Doe went unanswered. Mr. Wilson is also quoted as saying there has been no official complaint filed against his deputy Doe, but condemned the act.

THE CDC-LED GOVERNMENT is an interesting government. It screams and condemns one sin in public and attempts to hide another, as was clearly demonstrated in January when a book that contains sexually explicit comments against First Lady Clar Marie Weah and Liberian women was co-authored by Mr. Isaac Vah Tukpa, the former chief of staff to the leader of the opposition Alternative National Congress, Mr. Alexander B. Cummings. Mr. Cummings himself condemned that in public and immediately parted company with Tukpa.

GENDER MINISTER WHILLIMENA Saydee Tarr, immediately took the airwave and rallied women to condemn and protest against the author, while President Weah's special aide, Sekou Dareme and others called for prosecution.

THE BOOK IS A WRITTEN assault against the First Family and women of Liberia generally, but the incident involving deputy minister Isaac Doe is a physical attack against a woman that leaves inflicted bruises.

SINCE THE NEWSPAPER publication Monday, Feb. 28, 2022, the government is yet to make an official comment against the minister for bringing his office to public ridicule by publicly assaulting a woman without any remorse.

THE SITUATION INVOLVING minister Doe would not have attracted so much public attention had he not been an official of government, who ought to set good examples. We wonder what message is he sending to his children, if he has any, and to children of Liberia by reportedly beating and inflicting bruises on a woman that is supposedly his girlfriend?

WE CALL ON THE Ministry of Gender, women groups such as the Association of Female Lawyers of Liberia, and all those against sexual and gender-based violence to condemn the act and bring Minister Isaac Doe to book for physically assaulting a woman. Besides, he should be suspended immediately, pending full investigation to serve as a deterrence.



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COMMENTARY

By Werner Hoyer and John Murton

Putting Public Finance on the Right Side of History

BRUSSELS - The economics of renewable energy have improved beyond recognition. Solar power is now the cheapest form of electricity in history. Over 90% of power-generation capacity added around the world last year was in renewables. But to stand a chance of limiting global warming to 1.5° Celsius above pre-industrial levels, the world's energy systems must transform even faster. And that requires governments and public financial institutions to stop supporting fossil fuels and instead emphasize international support for the clean-energy transition.

The science is clear. To meet the 2015 Paris climate agreement's 1.5° C target, the global energy transition needs to progress 4-6 times faster than it currently is. Fossil fuels still supply 84% of the world's energy and account for over 75% of global emissions. The International Energy Agency's Net Zero by 2050 roadmap shows that global energy systems must be fossil-fuel-free by 2040. Yet since the Paris agreement was concluded, G20 governments have provided more than three times more public finance for fossil fuels (\$77 billion) than for renewables every year.

This year's catastrophic storms, floods, and wildfires have shown why we need climate action now, not later. And because future prosperity lies in clean energy investment, there is also a clear economic development case for redoubling our efforts. Wind and solar are now cheaper than new coal and gas power plants in two-thirds of the world. The dramatic cost reduction over the past decade has transformed global energy options, particularly in the very poorest countries, where renewables-based mini grids offer real opportunities to alleviate energy poverty and provide energy access.

Boosting investment in renewables is also vital to creating jobs, driving economic growth, and reducing air pollution. According to the International Renewable Energy Agency, deploying renewables at scale could help create 42 million jobs worldwide by 2050. This additional employment will be crucial for delivering a resilient, green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, especially in countries with young, fast-growing populations.

But, of course, jobs will also disappear as we abandon fossil fuels. We therefore must take steps to ensure that every community benefits from the transition. This will require carefully designed policies to support a managed shift away from older forms of energy generation. Global solidarity will be critical. We must do much more to provide everyone with the necessary technologies, expertise, investment support, and financial strategies.

Fortunately, we already have solutions to the problem. At the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow in November, governments and financial institutions must commit to supporting cheaper, cleaner, no-regrets energy, and to ending all international support for fossil-fuel-based power. This should not be too

difficult, given that many legacy energy investments will inevitably become stranded assets.

We are already starting to see significant progress in this direction. In May, G7 member states committed to cease all of their international financing for coal projects by the end of 2021, and to "phase out new direct government support for carbon-intensive international fossil fuel energy." Moreover, South Korea, Japan, and now China - the world's largest providers of international coal financing - have also agreed to stop funding coal projects overseas.

Equally important, more than 85 countries (plus the European Union) have submitted updated national climate pledges, as outlined in the Paris agreement. These show a clear trend toward higher renewable energy use and lower reliance on fossil fuels by 2030. But many of these countries will need substantial technical and financial support to hit their targets.

The United Kingdom and the European Investment Bank have both committed to making international support for the clean-energy transition a high priority. In 2019, the EIB became the first multilateral bank to announce an end to all financing for fossil-fuel energy projects (by 2021). The bank has been increasing its investments in clean energy, including in developing countries to support their transition. In Kenya, EIB investments have helped build the largest wind farm in Africa, providing clean and affordable energy to the region.

Similarly, in March, the UK government put an immediate end to new public support for overseas international fossil-fuel energy projects, fully shifting investment into renewables. This decision has already started to unlock significant opportunities, building on existing support for clean energy provided by the country's export credit agency, UK Export Finance. This includes over £140 million (\$189 million) of financing for UK exports to Ghana, which will help Ghana pursue major national infrastructure projects, including an initiative for solar-powered clean water that will reach more than 225,000 people.

We now must build on this momentum to ensure that COP26 is a success. More commitments are needed to align international public support fully with the Paris goals. We can achieve the necessary solidarity by bringing governments and public-finance institutions together behind a joint statement proclaiming support for clean energy and a phase-out of fossil fuels.

We invite governments and public-finance leaders to join us in supporting this statement. The cost of climate inaction would be catastrophic. We have reached a critical juncture for our planet. COP26 must be remembered as the moment when we took decisive action to safeguard our shared future.

Werner Hoyer is President of the European Investment Bank. John Murton is the United Kingdom's COP26 Envoy.

O-PED

By Josep Borrell

Putin's War Has Given Birth to Geopolitical Europe

BRUSSELS - Some weeks can feel like decades, and this week has been one of them. With Russia’s naked act of aggression against Ukraine, the tragedy of war has erupted in Europe once again. Russian forces have shelled residential housing, schools, hospitals, and other civilian infrastructure. The Kremlin’s propaganda machine has been pushed into overdrive in its effort to justify the unjustifiable. More than one million people have already fled the violence with more to come.

Ukrainians, meanwhile, are mounting a heroic defense of their country, galvanized by President Volodymyr Zelensky’s leadership. Faced with an escalating onslaught and the Kremlin’s absurd claims denying their national identity, Ukrainians have demonstrated unity and resilience. Stuck in the past, Russian President Vladimir Putin may have convinced himself that Ukraine belongs to him under his vision of a “greater Russia.” But Ukrainians have demonstrated that their country belongs to them, and that they intend for it to have a European future.

The European Union has sprung into action. While some expected us to dither, disagree, and delay, we have acted at record speed to support Ukraine, breaking taboos along the way. We have imposed unprecedented sanctions on Kremlin-linked oligarchs and those responsible for the war. Measures that were unthinkable just a few days ago - such as barring leading Russian banks from the SWIFT system and freezing the Russian central bank’s assets - are now in place. And for the first time ever, the EU is supporting member states as they supply military equipment to embattled Ukraine, mobilizing €500 million (\$553 million) under the European Peace Facility.

We have done all this together with other countries to ensure maximum effect. The United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Switzerland, Japan, Singapore, and many other financial and economic nerve centers have joined us in adopting tough sanctions. The international outrage against Russia is cascading, even into sports and the arts. A stampede of companies is leaving the Russian market.

Still, the news from the ground in Ukraine is horrific and sobering, and no one knows how this war will end. Putin will try to excuse the bloodshed he has unleashed by depicting it as an unavoidable byproduct of some mythical clash between the West and the Rest; but he will convince almost no one. The vast majority of countries and people around the world refuse to accept a world where an autocratic leader can simply seize whatever he wants through military aggression.

On March 2, an overwhelming majority of the United Nations General Assembly - 141 countries - voted to support Ukraine’s sovereign rights, denouncing Russia’s actions as a clear violation of the UN Charter and international law. Only four countries voted with Russia (the remaining 35 abstained). This historic display of global consensus shows just how much Russia’s leaders have isolated their country. The EU worked hard to achieve this outcome at the UN, and we fully agree with UN Secretary-General António Guterres that the task now is to end the violence and open the door to diplomacy.

In the week since Russia’s invasion, we have also witnessed the belated birth of a geopolitical Europe. For years, Europeans have been debating how the EU can be made more robust and security-conscious, with unity of purpose and capabilities to pursue our political goals on the world stage. We have now arguably gone further down that path in the past week than we did in the previous decade.

This is a welcome development, but there is so much more to do. First, we must prepare to support Ukraine and its people for the long haul - for their sake as well as our own. There will be no security for anyone if we allow Putin to prevail. If there are no longer any rules, we will all be in danger. That is why we must ensure that a free Ukraine survives. And to that end, we must maintain an opening for Russia to return to reason, so that peace can be re-established.

Second, we need to recognize what this war means for European security and resilience more broadly. Consider the energy dimension. Clearly, reducing our dependence on energy imports from authoritarian and aggressive powers is an urgent strategic imperative. It is absurd that we have literally financed our opponent’s ability to wage war. The invasion of Ukraine should lend new momentum to our green-energy transition. Every euro that we invest in developing renewables at home will reduce our strategic vulnerabilities, as well as helping to avert catastrophic climate change.

Third, in a world of power politics, we need to build greater capacity to defend ourselves. Strengthening our defense means tackling Russia’s aggressive disinformation networks and going after the Kremlin’s ecosystem of finance and influence peddling.

Yes, this includes military means, and we need to develop them more. But the essence of what the EU did this week was to use all policies and levers - which remain mainly economic and regulatory in nature - as instruments of power. We should build on this approach in the weeks ahead, in Ukraine but elsewhere, too, as needed.

The core task for “geopolitical Europe” is straightforward. We must use our newfound sense of purpose first to ensure a free Ukraine, and then to re-establish peace and security across our continent.

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OPINION

By Diane Coyle

GDP’s Days Are Numbered

CAMBRIDGE - How should we measure economic success? Criticisms of conventional indicators, particularly gross domestic product, have abounded for years, if not decades. Environmentalists have long pointed out that GDP omits the depletion of natural assets, as well as negative externalities such as global warming. And its failure to capture unpaid but undoubtedly valuable work in the home is another glaring omission. But better alternatives may soon be at hand.

In 2009, a commission led by Joseph Stiglitz, Amartya Sen, and Jean-Paul Fitoussi spurred efforts to find alternative ways to gauge economic progress by recommending a “dashboard” of indicators. Since then, economists and statisticians, working alongside natural scientists, have put considerable effort into developing rigorous wealth-based prosperity metrics, particularly concerning natural assets. The core idea is to create a comprehensive national balance sheet to demonstrate that economic progress today is illusory when it comes at the expense of future living standards.

In an important milestone in March of this year, the United Nations approved a statistical standard relating to the services that nature provides to the economy. That followed the UK Treasury’s publication of a review by the University of Cambridge’s Partha Dasgupta setting out how to integrate nature in general, and biodiversity in particular, into economic analysis. With the consequences of climate change starting to become all too apparent, any meaningful concept of economic success in the future will surely include sustainability.

The next steps in this statistical endeavor will be to incorporate measures of social capital, reflecting the ability of communities or countries to act collectively, and to extend measurement of the household sector. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted how crucial this unpaid work is to a country’s economic health. For example, the US Bureau of Labor Statistics intends to develop a more comprehensive concept of living standards that includes the value of such activity.

Aggregate measures such as these can be useful for guiding important policy decisions in a manner consistent with familiar economic concepts. This approach also helps the conversation with finance ministry officials and business executives, whose support for a longer-term perspective regarding prosperity will be essential to bring about change.

But many advocate thinking about economic success and failure in terms of well-being, a broader and fuzzier concept. The idea that policy decisions should focus on what ultimately matters in people’s lives is intuitively appealing. And a number of governments, from New Zealand to Scotland, have recently adopted explicit well-being policy frameworks.

This approach, however, raises even more difficult measurement questions. Well-being depends on many aspects of individuals’ life circumstances. To be sure, there is a large body of research in psychology and economics concerning how to measure well-being and analyze the factors that influence it. Often, the measurement involves surveying people’s satisfaction with their lives or their level of anxiety. For example, the United Kingdom’s Office for National Statistics has been tracking anxiety and depression throughout the pandemic.

But while policymakers need some top-down, aggregate statistics to facilitate their decision-making, such indicators have limitations. For example, whereas the links between well-being and factors identified by econometric analysis - such as being employed or in good mental health - are intuitive, the causal connections are not well understood. A depressed person may benefit from therapy, as well-being advocates often urge, but decent housing might be even more effective. Public policy based on well-being thus still lacks a theoretical underpinning.

Moreover, some policymaking contexts will require a more granular level of detail. Qualitative research - rather than large-scale surveys with predefined questions - points to a wider range of considerations affecting well-being. For example, one recent UK study, co-produced by researchers and people experiencing poverty, found that while basic material needs including health were important to well-being, autonomy and a sense of purpose mattered just as much. The top-down aggregate indicators devised by social scientists and statisticians cannot capture such findings.

While time-intensive ground-level research will not always be practical, it is important to keep in mind that the concept of well-being is much richer than most other economic indicators. Importantly, the comprehensive wealth and well-being approaches outlined here are complementary: the assets measured by the former provide the means to achieve the latter. Indeed, New Zealand’s policy framework makes this link explicit.

What is exciting about these alternative approaches to assessing and measuring the economic success of a community or country is the amount of practical progress already made in defining concepts, creating metrics, and building expert consensus about the direction policymaking should take. Ditching GDP as the main gauge of prosperity was always impossible in the absence of broad agreement about what the alternative might be. And it will take many more years of work at the statistical coalface to develop a framework as sophisticated and well-embedded as GDP and related economic indicators. But the direction of change is clear, and the impetus to bring it about is powerful.

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9. ELIGIBLE OFFERORS: Individuals who are Liberian citizens or non-Liberian citizens lawfully admitted for permanent residence in Liberia. Current employees serving a probationary period with the mission are not eligible to apply.
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II. STATEMENT OF DUTIES

1. Basic Function of Position

The position is located at the Office of Financial Management (OFM) and serves as the Chief Accountant, one of two principal Foreign Service National (FSN) staff members. The Chief Accountant reports to the USDH Controller and/or Deputy Controller and is responsible for providing expert advice on project financing, budgeting, and the

coordination and preparation of budgets and all report submissions. The incumbent is also responsible for the overall management and oversight of the operating expense and program accounting, program/project budgets, and voucher processing. The incumbent provides direct professional financial and technical advice, support to technical offices, and analyses and advice on all financial aspects of the design, implementation, and evaluation of USAID/Liberia development assistance projects. The Chief Accountant is directly responsible for the development and supervision of accounting and voucher examiner staff.

2. Major Duties and Responsibilities

- a. Financial Management and Oversight (50% of Time)
- Serves as the principal manager for the daily operations of all financial management systems, practices, procedures, and applicable problems and is responsible for planning, directing, and administering a comprehensive accounting, payment, reporting, and budgeting system designed to provide senior Mission management with timely financial information for making operating decisions.
 - Develops and establishes financial management systems, practices, and procedures applicable to program implementation and operating expenses.
 - Plans and directs the maintenance of comprehensive accounting systems, coordinating the preparation of program assistance and operating expense budgets.
 - Assures that obligations, reservations, earmarks, and commitments are approved from the standpoint of available funds through pre-validation techniques suitable to the needs of the program and providing clearance on documents, as required.
 - Participates in the planning, installation, and maintenance of an adequate system of internal control for the processing, accounting and reporting of all USAID's obligation and liquidation actions.
 - Performs disbursement reconciliation of accounts with those of the U.S. Disbursing Office, Treasury, and conducts accurate and timely quarterly accruals and 1311 reviews, making recommendations where applicable.
 - Oversees and coordinates the activities of the accounting, voucher payment process, payroll, and maintains reporting systems of accounting and payment activities, ensuring that the operations run smoothly.
 - Coordinates the installation, implementation, operation, and maintenance of the Mission's Phoenix, Intra-governmental Payment And Collection (IPAC), and other financial management systems as well as ensures the smooth financial operations for USAID/Cambodia in the Agency's procurement system, Global Acquisition and Assistance System (GLAAS).
- b. Analysis and Reporting (30% of Time)
- Assists Technical Offices with the development of improved financial management systems and procedures at project implementation units, with views towards better control and monitoring over projects.
 - Provides advice to the Technical Offices and senior management on all issues that directly and indirectly have a financial impact on the Mission.
 - Responsible for the preparation, tracking and reporting of the monthly mission program OYB matrix and plays a key role in liaising with the Mission Director, Program Officer and technical office team leaders on the management of the OYB and handling all queries with Washington on all OYB matrix related issues.
 - Coordinates quarterly reporting which includes tracking and management of all OE assets and accounts receivable enabling Washington to issue consolidated financial statements.
 - Assures that financing and reporting procedures, which conform with USAID's financial and program reporting systems and with the requirements and limitations of U.S. government and cooperating country laws and regulations, are fully considered and set forth in grant projects and contract agreements.
 - Formulates and prepares the operating expense budgets and analyzes proposed additional funding and existing obligation pipelines and provides cost factors needed for budget formulation estimates.
 - Assures effective management and funds controls are applied over operating expenses and program funds allowed for the current fiscal year.
 - Responsible for all management, tracking and spending of representational funds and ensures that these funds are properly accounted for according to applicable guidelines and regulations.
 - Prepares financial accounting, reporting, and budget control policies; verifies accuracy of financial data and appropriate action regarding accounts receivable; responds to all inquiries and resolves all financial problems; and controls all mission financial and accounting documentation and records.
 - Manages and supervises the quarterly reporting of project and OE accruals. Provides technical assistance as needed to technical offices in development of accrual estimates for various development assistance activities.
 - Works with the Executive Office on all ICASS-related issues and performs detailed analysis of ICASS invoices to assure conformance with the budget.
- c. Other Financial Management Operations (20% of Time)
- Assists in the coordination and implementation of the Mission's annual Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA) assessment of risks and development of control techniques, review of management controls and ensures compliance with reporting requirements.
 - Evaluates the Office of Financial Management's administrative and operating procedures, as requested. Based on such evaluations, makes recommendations as deemed appropriate which would improve the accounting and administrative systems and controls and assists in the implementation of any recommendations resulting from such evaluation as approved by the Controller.
3. Supervision
- Supervision controls:** Overall general supervision is provided by the Controllor and/or Deputy Controllor. Guidance provided is normally limited to interpretations of policies and the setting of work priorities. The incumbent's supervisor may from time to time make special assignments and provide advice on unusual situations, but day-to-day tasks are

normally accomplished without technical review. Incumbent principally performs duties with little or no direct supervision.

- Supervisory Relationship:** Directly supervises FSN professional and technical OFM staff members: Currently up to (2) FSN-10 Accountants, (2) FSN-8 Voucher Examiner and (1) FSN -6 Document Control Clerk.

12. PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The work requested does not involve undue physical demands.

III. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION

1. Education:A university degree in Accounting, Finance or Business Administration is required.
2. Prior Work Experience:A minimum for 5 years of progressively responsible experience in accounting, auditing, budgeting, or financial management is required, of which at least 3 years should be in the accounting/vouchering areas.
3. Work/Residency PermitsApplicants must have valid work and/or residency permits allowing work in Liberia.
4. Language ProficiencyLevel IV English [Fluent].

III. EVALUATION AND SELECTION FACTORS

The Evaluation Factors listed below will be the basis for evaluating and ranking applicants for the position. Applicants will be scored based on the documentation submitted within the application. Applicants must submit a supplemental document outlining their responses to the evaluation factor(s) in order to be considered.

1. Selection Process

After the closing date for receipt of applications, a committee will convene to review applications that meet the minimum requirements and evaluate them in accordance with the evaluation criteria. As part of the selection process, the most qualified candidates will be interviewed. Reference checks will be made only for applicants considered as finalists. The applicant's references must be able to provide substantive information about his/her past performance and abilities.

2. Evaluation Factors

Those applicants who meet the minimum education and experience qualifications will be evaluated based on the content of their application as well as on the applicant's writing, presentation, and communication skills. Applicants should include their name and the announcement number at the top of each additional page. Failure to specifically address the Evaluation Factors will result in the applicant not receiving full credit for pertinent experience.

FACTOR #1: Prior work experience

Progressively responsible experience in professional accounting, auditing, budgeting, or financial management, including vouchering in a substantial not-for-profit, governmental or business organization.

FACTOR #2: Job knowledge

Thorough knowledge of accounting principles and procedures. General knowledge of USAID business - its goals and objectives, applicable laws, regulations, and procedures associated with USAID financial management is preferred. Familiarity with Liberian business practices and commercial accounting systems is preferred.

FACTOR #3: Skills and abilities

Ability to analyze data, narrative reports, and effectively communicate to various stakeholders' pertinent information.

3. Basis of Rating

Applicants determined to be competitively ranked will also be evaluated on their interview performance and satisfactory professional reference checks. The Applicant Rating System is as follows:

Evaluation Factors	60 points
Factor #1	20 points
Factor #2	20 points
Factor #3	20 points

Interview Performance 40 points

Interview questions will provide the candidate the ability to:

- Respond in a clear and concise manner to a series of questions about your experience, skills, goals, and other areas.
- Respond to different scenarios, clearly stating your proposed solution.

Total Possible Points 100 points

IV. SUBMITTING AN OFFER

Applications must be submitted electronically by email with the subject line **VA-669-22-00005 – Chief Accountant LiberiaHR@usaid.gov**

Applicants may submit an application prior to the closing date and time specified in Section I, item 3 mentioned above unless revised.

Qualified applicants must submit the following documents, or their applications will not be considered for this position:

1. A current curriculum vitae (CV) or resume, not to exceed 3 pages.
2. A minimum of three (3) professional references with telephone and email contacts, who are not family members or relatives, with working telephone and email contacts. The applicant's references must be able to provide substantive information about his/her past

performance and abilities. At least one reference provided should be a current or former supervisor.

3. A supplemental document with a written response to the Evaluation Factors.

Candidates who are applying for this position must fully meet the education requirement (graduated and degree and/or diploma already received) as specified. At the time of applications, candidates must also meet in full the work experience requirement. There is no exception to these requirements.

Short-listed candidates may be requested to provide educational documents such as transcripts for degrees, diplomas, certificates, and other pertinent documents as needed.

Any attachments provided via email must be compatible with Microsoft Word or PDF and not zipped. Note that attachments to email must not exceed 25 MB. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Agency retains the right to cancel or amend the solicitation and associated actions at any stage of the recruitment process.

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Liberian Ex-lawmaker dies in America

By Bridgett Milton

Former Montserrado County District#10 Representative Julius Berrian has reportedly died in the United States in a car crash. He was a member of the 53rd National Legislature.

According to sources, former Representative Berrian was involved in tragic motor accident late Tuesday evening March 2, 2022 in the United States of America.

Sources add that following the accident, he went unconscious and was rushed to a nearest hospital in America

where he was later pronounced dead by Hospital authorities.

The late Berrian contested the 2017 Presidential and Legislative Elections on the ticket of the opposition People's Unification Party (PUP), but lost to Independent Candidate Yekeh Kolubah now Representative of Montserrado district#10.

In an interview with reporters in Monrovia prior to his death on assessment of the performance of his predecessor Rep. Kolubah, the late Berrian said Yekeh has not done much in the areas of lawmaking, representation, and advocacy.

While in the House, the late former lawmaker chaired the committees on Banking and Currency, Posts and Telecommunications, respectively and was also member of many other committees. **Editing by Jonathan Browne**



The late former Rep. Julius Berrian

TU administration dismisses faculty's claims

The Administration of the Tubman University in Harper, Maryland County, southeast Liberia says, at no point in time has the President of the University, Dr D. Elloitt Wreh-

Wilson in concert with the Department of Human Resources and Compliance, not Dr. Wreh-Wilson's office, contrary to the faculty's claim.

It notes that the Tuman University Faculty Association or

criteria for appointment of faculty members are clearly articulated in the university's academic policies and do not support an undergraduate degree holder becoming an assistant professor.

being purported.

Similarly, it says salary harmonization, which is different from the Pro-Poor Cuts, was also government's fiscal policy intended to address salary disparities across all three branches of government (Executive, Judiciary, and the Legislature) and not peculiar to TU.

The administration adds that this was further clarified by the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning and the Civil Service Agency in a zoom meeting held with the University which TUFA members allegedly declined to attend.

"To that effect, the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP) and the Civil Service Agency (CSA) have committed to work with all stakeholders to address the issues of harmonization and any disparities in the payroll", administration reveals.

It says the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP) and the Civil Service Agency (CSA) have agreed to set up a joint team to visit and work with TU's administration to probe the issues of salary increment and any possible disparity in pay among faculty, clarifying that TU does not have the authority to automatically raise salaries for its employees.

It says TU's payroll is controlled by the MFDP and the CSA, both of which must approve such increases, and that tenure and promotions for faculty are performance-based.

The University further notes that as a matter of best practice in higher education the world over, the faculty, not administration, normally organizes promotion and tenure committees. "Regrettably, despite constant reminder by administration, the faculty is yet to establish said committees."

On question of housing and housing allowances, administration further reveals

that following the February 17, 2022 meeting held at the University's conference room, the President's cabinet reached the decision to abolish the collection of maintenance fees from resident faculty members, and it is therefore, surprising that TUFA would again raise this same issue.

Additionally, administration says it introduced maintenance fees collection to enable repairs and maintenance of facilities, while the Cabinet also agreed to avail all records collection and expenditure of the maintenance fees to a certified public accountant for audit purposes as requested by TUFA.

Administration reminds TUFA that a formal contract existed between SAAR Insurance and Tubman University to provide group insurance, and premiums paid are non-refundable, adding the insurance contract was renegotiated and cancelled based on complaints from employees that SAAR's services were unfavorable.

Contrary to TUFA's claims that the University has refused to give audience to plights of its members, the administration says it held three meetings in February alone, including the zoom meeting with the MFDP and CSA, to resolve issues raised by them.

Meanwhile, the administration calls on students of TU to remain calm as the Board of Trustees engages with both sides to find a workable and lasting solution to the conflict in the best interest of the parties, especially the students.

"As a university family, we must now realize that peace and tranquility are indispensable for a conducive learning environment. The university also encourages all members of the faculty to return to the classroom, and implore the leadership of TUFA to return to the negotiation table especially now that the Board of Trustees is involved", the statement concludes.



Tubman University President, Dr D. Elloitt Wreh-Wilson

Wilson, transferred anyone with a bachelor's degree to the classroom as claimed by the Faculty Association.

In a response issued Thursday, March 3, 2022, the administration says hiring of faculty is the sole responsibility of the University's Division of

TUFA fails to name the specific person with a bachelor's degree who was purportedly transferred to the classroom.

The TU Administration says it has no knowledge of reemploying anyone who was previously dismissed 'for stealing' at the University as it is being alleged, explaining that

On question of salary cuts, the University says the Pro-Poor Cuts of 3.5%, 5%, 7.5%, and 10% respectively during the first half of 2018 was based on Government of Liberia's policy intended to address payroll issues, and not the making of, or unique to, Tubman University as it is

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Liberia records 322 measles cases

By Kruah Thompson

The ministry of health announces that based on data received from health workers, a total of 322 suspected measles cases have

upgrade of measles in certain area, including districts that these cases are coming from.

"We have cases coming from Montserrado, Nimba, Bong, Margibi, and Maryland counties", Mr. Clark revealed.

However, he claims there are

conduct a nationwide campaign not only measles but Robillard.

"So, we will be targeting children between 9 months up to less than 15 years." He says.

Director Clark says data received from these cases, suggests that the number of cases is almost 1.97 times higher in 2022.

"This means that we need a national effort to intervene relatively to measles cases otherwise we may just be seen the tip of the iceberg."

On the front with covid, he says since the March 16, 2020 until February 28, 2022 a total of 7,386 cumulative cases had been reported.

"We have the total of 7,386 cumulative cases that had been reported as a country of which we have at the moment, identified 22 active and we just reported a new case", he adds.

At the same time, he says since April 1, 2021, the Government of Liberia has vaccinated one million, one hundred and thirty-four thousand, three hundred and nineteen persons across the country.

"And those who are fully vaccinated as we speak, are one million seventeen thousand, two hundred and sixty-three." **Editing by Jonathan Browne**



been reported in five counties here.

Of the number of cases, laboratory test has identified and confirmed 72 of them.

Speaking at the Ministry of Information's regular briefing Thursday, March 3, 2022, the Director for expanded program on immunization, Mr. Adolphus T. Clark disclosed that this total number shows the country is experiencing a high periodic

ongoing efforts by the ministry of health to ensure the situation is brought under control.

"So we are working with our county health teams, our district health teams as well as the health facilities to conduct second tryer vaccination around the community that is affected and then the national effort to be by the fourth quarter of this year."

He further discloses that in 2023, the ministry of health

We owe no one an apology

-CDC Youth League

By Lewis S. Teh

Assistant Youth Minister for TVET, Malias Z. Sheriff says no matter what the name CDC might register in the minds of people, they owe no one an apology.

"You can call us whatever name, but you can't change what we believe in as young people within the party," Mr. Sheriff continues.

He notes that the passing of one of their colleagues in United States is not just a lost to the party, but a minus to his family and the betrayal of the struggle they all fought for to have the CDC to where it is today.

"The CDC", he says, "is a family that truly cares for its members, for us as long as we're alive, we will defend the CDC with our sweat, blood and we don't care how and what people think about us."

He praises President George Weah for his

continuous support and opportunity given to young people to serve in government.

Members of the youth league extol President Weah for identifying with them, noting

wouldn't have been in these positions if not for his support given us, the young people."

The youth league says this is the first time in the history of Liberia for huge number of young people to serve in various positions across government ministries and



that the President has brought pride and added values to their lives as young people.

"We're are grateful to President Weah for changing our individual stories, we all

agencies something, it claims previous government didn't do.

Addressing a news conference Thursday, March 3, 2022 at the headquarters of

Deputy Educ. Minister stresses importance of debate in schools

By Naneka Hoffman

Deputy Minister of Education for Instructions, Alexander N. Duopu says debates, particularly in high schools offer a unique opportunity for educational stakeholders to see themselves in the mirror clearly, adding that the importance of debate in the Liberian education system can't be over emphasized.

He says debate provides practice in developing sound and logical arguments and gives students an opportunity to practice speaking in front of an audience and thinking on their feet.

Speaking on Thursday, March 3, 2022 during official launch of the 2022 Edition of the Liberia National Debate Championship at the Monrovia Christian Fellowship Church in Sinkor, Deputy Duopu emphasized that students participating in debate show initiative and leadership and even research. He notes that debaters' performance expands their minds and increases their understanding of multiple sides of important issues.

Moreover, he says students sharpen their research skills in preparing for debates, while adding that debate develop skills and knowledge.

He stressed that the educational system exists to transform students from not knowing enough to knowing enough, and it must help students achieve quality education and grow their potential otherwise, he adds it is needless.

The 2022 National Debate Championship was launched with the theme: Measuring Learning Outcomes in Liberia's Secondary Education Level."

In remarks, World Bank Liberia Country Manager, Dr.

Khwima Nthara said young students should take advantage of the platform to increase their understanding of various societal issues that are impacting their well-being today.

Dr. Nthara says it is against this background that they intend to partner with Youth for Change to use its platform to share knowledge about the World Bank to increase students' understanding about various thematic issues impacting the development of society.

"Through your active participation in this competition, you are going to be empowered to play a vital role in your own development, as well as that of your communities", he says.

The World Bank Liberia Country Manager explains that youth development is a process that prepares a young person to meet challenges of adolescence and adulthood, and achieve his or her full potential, saying "Youth development is promoted through activities and experiences that help youth develop social, ethical, emotional, physical, and cognitive competencies."

He notes that some of the elements that can protect young people and put them on the path to success include family support, caring adults, positive peer groups, a strong sense of self and self-esteem, and involvement at school and in community.

"Therefore, I strongly urge you to take advantage of the competition and serve as role models for other young people. You can make difference and avoid the path of drug addiction, crime and other vices that tend to undermine the development of the society", Dr. Nthara challenges students here.

the ruling CDC in Oldest Congo Town, Assistant Minister for Youth and Sports Emmanuel Johnson said the ruling party has reawakened the dying spirit of most young people across the country.

"Without CDC we're nobody; that is why we owe it all to the party, nothing anybody will say about the CDC that will distract us", he says.

Minister Johnson made those statements when the CDC rollout the process leading to the arrival and burial of its fallen partisans Wen Sailey who die following a surgery in the United States.

Following the death of Partisan Wen Sailey in the U.S., the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change observed

four days of mourning across the country.

Deputy Secretary General for administration Hassan Newland, in a news conference held on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, described the fallen colleague as an ardent devotionist of the CDC's doctrine, and an embodiment of the Youth League with a struggle credential of commitment, party discipline, and fearlessness.

He says the Youth League sees his death as a heartbreaking moment for not just the party, but millions of young revolutionaries and militants; most especially standing and never relenting cadres who saw him as a role model. **Editing by Jonathan Browne**

Français

Le ministre des finances a juré de revoir à la baisse le budget de l'électoral partielle de Lofa

Le ministre des Finances, Samuel D. Tweh, a exprimé sa consternation après que la Commission électorale nationale (NEC) a présenté un budget de 1,9 million de dollars pour l'organisation d'une élection sénatoriale partielle dans le comté de Lofa, promettant de veiller à

ce que le budget soit réduit.

Lors d'une interview en direct sur la chaîne de télévision publique ELBC le mercredi 2 mars 2022, le ministre des finances a dit que le budget de 1,9 million soumis par la NEC est énorme. Il va donc le réduire. Selon le ministre Tweh, les 1,9 million de dollars US demandés pour organiser l'élection

partielle sont énormes et doivent être réduits.

L'ancien ministre de la Défense Brownie Samukai avait été élu sénateur du comté de Lofa en 2020, mais il s'est vu interdire de siéger à l'Assemblée législative après avoir été reconnu coupable par les tribunaux de

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Guerre en Ukraine: à l'ONU, les pays africains s'abstiennent de tout soutien à l'invasion russe

Si certains ministères des Affaires étrangères ont publiquement condamné l'invasion russe en Ukraine, d'autres ont voulu maintenir une certaine distance, tout en exhortant les belligérants à la négociation. Les pressions diplomatiques, de l'Union européenne comme de la Russie, se sont multipliées depuis le premier jour pour qu'ils expriment leur point de vue sur la guerre.

Dans un discours très remarqué, c'est le Kenya à l'ONU, le premier, qui a condamné l'usage de la force par la Russie et le mépris de la diplomatie. À sa suite, le Ghana, membre du Conseil lui aussi, a dit son soutien à « l'intégrité territoriale de l'Ukraine », comme le Gabon, troisième membre africain, qui a, lui aussi, voté la résolution condamnant « l'agression » russe et appelé à un cessez-le-feu immédiat.

Après quoi, la Cédéao, ainsi que le président sénégalais

Macky Sall et celui de la Commission de l'Union africaine Moussa Faki Mahamat, ont, eux aussi, « condamné [...] l'invasion militaire » et « exhorté » les deux parties à « un cessez-le-feu » et à des « négociations sans délais », de même que le Niger, le Maroc, la Côte d'Ivoire et l'Afrique du Sud, pourtant alliée de la Russie au sein des Brics, ou encore le Nigeria.

Dix-sept abstentions de pays africains, 28 votes pour

Dix-sept abstentions sur 35 viennent des pays africains, avec entre autres le Congo-Brazzaville, Madagascar, le Mali, le Sénégal, le Soudan, l'Algérie, l'Éthiopie ou encore l'Afrique du Sud qui se sont abstenus. Ce qui confirme l'embarras d'une partie de continent vis-à-vis de ce conflit. Certains sont des alliés de longue date de Moscou, comme Alger, d'autres sont en train de se rapprocher des Russes, comme le Mali, en pleine transition.

Les Sud-Africains, par exemple, ont rappelé leur

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Éditorial

Nous condamnons la violence faite aux femmes et dénonçons l'acte cruel du ministre Isaac Doe

La nouvelle selon laquelle le sous-ministre chargé du développement de la jeunesse au ministère de la Jeunesse et des Sports, Isaac Doe, a brutalement agressé une femme qui serait sa petite amie le week-end dernier est ignoble et très décevante. Comme il est dégoûtant qu'un haut fonctionnaire de l'administration Weah aille jusqu'à déshonorer la femme en public!

Cet acte grossier du chroniqueur contredit clairement le personnage qu'il incarne dans la célèbre émission intitulée Spontalk, en tant qu'ardent partisan et promoteur des bonnes manières, de la bonne gouvernance et du respect de la dignité humaine, en particulier des femmes.

Selon une publication de Frontpageafrica, le PDG de Spoon Communication, Stanton Whitterspoon, a, avec effet immédiat, suspendu M. Isaac Doe de l'émission en direct, dans l'attente d'une enquête approfondie sur l'affaire.

Cependant, le gouvernement de Monrovia semble être manifestement silencieux sur la question, à l'exception du patron immédiat du ministre Doe, le ministre Zeogar Wilson, qui aurait reconnu l'incident, mais a révélé que les appels passés à Doe sont restés sans réponse. M. Wilson aurait également dit qu'aucune plainte officielle n'a été déposée contre son adjoint Doe. Il a toutefois condamné l'acte.

Le gouvernement dirigé par le CDC est un gouvernement intéressant. Il crie et condamne un péché en public et tente d'en cacher un autre, comme cela a été le cas en janvier quand un livre co-écrit par M. Isaac Vah Tukpa, l'ancien chef de cabinet du leader politique du Congrès national alternatif, M. Alexander B. Cummings, contenant des commentaires sexuellement explicites contre la Première Dame Clare Marie Weah et les femmes libériennes, a été publié. M. Cummings lui-même a condamné cela en public et s'est immédiatement séparé de Tukpa.

La ministre du Genre, Willimena Saydee Tarr, a immédiatement pris les ondes et a rallié les femmes pour condamner et protester contre l'auteur, tandis que l'assistant spécial du président Weah, Sekou Dareme et d'autres ont appelé à des poursuites.

Le livre est une agression écrite contre la première famille et les femmes du Libéria en général, mais l'incident impliquant le sous-ministre Isaac Doe est une attaque physique contre une femme qui laisse des ecchymoses.

Depuis la publication du journal le lundi 28 février 2022, le gouvernement n'a pas encore fait de commentaire officiel contre le ministre pour avoir ridiculisé son bureau en agressant publiquement une femme sans aucun remords.

La situation impliquant le ministre Doe n'aurait pas attiré autant l'attention du public s'il n'avait pas été un fonctionnaire du gouvernement, qui devrait donner le bon exemple. Nous nous demandons quel message envoie-t-il à ses enfants, s'il en a, et aux enfants du Libéria en battant et en infligeant des ecchymoses à une femme qui est censée être sa petite amie ?

Nous appelons le ministère du Genre, les groupes de femmes tels que l'Association des femmes avocates du Libéria et tous ceux qui s'opposent à la violence sexuelle et sexiste à condamner l'acte et à traduire en justice le ministre Isaac Doe pour avoir agressé physiquement une femme. En outre, il devrait être suspendu immédiatement, dans l'attente d'une enquête complète pour que cela serve de mesure de dissuasion.

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Français

Le ministre des finances

détournement des fonds d'épargne-retraite du personnel des Forces armées du Libéria (AFL) pendant qu'il était ministre de la défense nationale.

« Quand la présidente de la NEC, Mme Davidetta Brown - Lansanah, n'était pas commissaire, je me suis battu avec l'ancien commissaire pour la même situation.

Quand elle est devenue commissaire, je me suis battue avec elle et nous avons réduit le budget électoral de 24 millions à 13 millions lors de l'élection partielle de 2020 », a expliqué M. Tweah.

"Elle m'a soumis un budget de 1,9 million qui est très énorme, mais encore une fois, elle sait ce que nous faisons", a-t-il poursuivi.

Guerre en Ukraine

profonde inquiétude, le besoin de respecter la souveraineté et l'intégrité territoriale des États. Mais Pretoria a aussi estimé que la résolution ne créait pas d'environnement constructif pour les négociations. Le pays aurait souhaité un texte plus centré sur le rapprochement, sur « la construction de ponts » entre Russie et Ukraine. « Il faut que les parties s'engagent à trouver un compromis, à construire la confiance. Mais ce texte ne permet pas cela », a expliqué la représentante sud-africaine.

« La résolution ne crée pas un environnement favorable à la diplomatie, au dialogue et à la médiation. L'Afrique du Sud estime qu'un plus grand effort aurait dû être déployé pour rapprocher les parties en vue d'un dialogue. Le texte dans sa forme actuelle pourrait créer un fossé encore plus grand, au lieu de contribuer à une résolution du conflit. La résolution aurait dû accueillir avec bienveillance le début

des négociations entre les parties. On sait que les causes d'un conflit sont liés à l'inquiétude des parties vis-à-vis de leur sécurité. Il aurait fallu aborder cela dans la résolution. L'Afrique du Sud estime que l'ONU devrait être utilisée comme une plateforme pour rapprocher les points de vue, régler les divergences d'opinion, fournir des recommandations et un soutien aux parties pour qu'elles se parlent dans un esprit de compromis. Tout en faisant baisser les tensions, en s'engageant à la cessation des hostilités, en construisant la confiance. Malheureusement, le texte qui est devant nous n'a pas fait cela. »

Attention toutefois, 28 pays du continent ont quand même approuvé ce texte, comme le Bénin, la RDC, la Côte d'Ivoire, le Tchad, la Tunisie ou encore le Rwanda. Kigali a rappelé que la souveraineté, l'indépendance de tout pays devaient être respectées. « L'escalade militaire doit cesser immédiatement », a demandé le pays.

Le gouvernement à pied d'œuvre pour faire sortir les Libériens de l'Ukraine

Le gouvernement du Libéria a fait savoir qu'il fait des efforts diplomatiques frénétiques pour assurer la sécurité et le bien-être des Libériens vivant en Ukraine, dont 200 étudiants.

Le gouvernement, par l'intermédiaire du ministère des Affaires étrangères, a demandé aux pays voisins que sont la Pologne et la Hongrie d'accorder un passage sûr et une aide humanitaire aux Libériens qui atteignent leurs frontières respectives pour fuir l'hostilité militaire en cours entre l'Ukraine et la Russie.

Le gouvernement hongrois a ainsi accordé à tous les ressortissants libériens qui entreraient sur le territoire

hongrois fuyant le conflit ukrainien une protection temporaire, même sans le visa Schengen légal.

Selon le communiqué du ministère de l'Information, de la Culture et du Tourisme, le gouvernement polonais a également accepté d'autoriser l'entrée de tous les Libériens fuyant le conflit ukrainien en Pologne et d'autoriser un séjour de 15 jours. Passé ce délai, ils devront soit faire la demande d'un statut de protection internationale ou décider de quitter le pays.

Le gouvernement libérien a déclaré que pendant que ces arrangements et mesures diplomatiques initiaux sont en cours, des plans sont également en cours pour rapatrier les Libériens qui fuient les combats en Ukraine.

COMMENTAIRE

Par Werner Hoyer et John Murton

Positionner les financements publics du bon côté de l'histoire

BRUXELLES - L'économie des énergies renouvelables s'est considérablement améliorée. L'énergie solaire est désormais la forme d'électricité la moins coûteuse de toute l'histoire. Plus de 90 % de la capacité de production d'électricité créée à travers le monde au cours de l'année dernière concerne des énergies renouvelables. Pour conserver une chance de limiter le réchauffement climatique à 1,5°C au-dessus des niveaux préindustriels, il est cependant nécessaire que les systèmes énergétiques mondiaux se transforment plus rapidement encore. Ceci exige que les gouvernements et institutions financières cessent de financer les combustibles fossiles, et qu'ils insistent sur le soutien international à la transition vers des énergies propres.

Les données scientifiques sont sans équivoque. Pour honorer l'objectif d'1,5°C fixé par l'accord climatique de Paris, la transition énergétique mondiale va devoir s'opérer 4 à 6 fois plus rapidement qu'à son rythme actuel. Les combustibles fossiles produisent encore aujourd'hui 84 % de l'énergie mondiale, et représentent plus de 75 % des émissions planétaires. La feuille de route Neutralité carbone d'ici 2050 de l'Agence internationale de l'énergie démontre la nécessité de systèmes énergétiques mondiaux libérés des combustibles fossiles d'ici 2040. Or, depuis la signature de l'accord de Paris, les gouvernements du G20 ont consacré chaque année aux combustibles fossiles plus de trois fois plus de financements publics (77 milliards \$) qu'aux énergies renouvelables.

Les tempêtes, inondations et incendies catastrophiques que nous avons connus cette année démontrent qu'il nous faut agir sans tarder. Et dans la mesure où la prospérité future réside dans des investissements énergétiques propres, le bien-fondé d'une intensification de nos efforts apparaît également clair sur le plan du développement économique. L'éolien et le solaire sont désormais moins coûteux que les nouvelles centrales à charbon et gaz pour deux tiers de la planète. La diminution considérable des coûts ces dix dernières années a refaçonné les possibilités de choix énergétiques mondiaux, en particulier dans les pays les plus pauvres, où les mini-réseaux fondés sur les énergies renouvelables offrent de réelles opportunités de remédier à la pauvreté énergétique, et d'assurer un accès à l'électricité.

Le renforcement de l'investissement dans les énergies renouvelables est également essentiel à la création d'emplois, à la croissance économique, ainsi qu'à la réduction de la pollution de l'air. D'après l'Agence internationale pour les énergies renouvelables, le déploiement de ces énergies à grande échelle pourrait contribuer à créer 42 millions d'emplois à travers le monde d'ici 2050. Ces emplois supplémentaires seront indispensables pour créer une reprise verte et résiliente après la pandémie de COVID-19, en particulier dans les pays à la population jeune et rapidement croissante.

Bien entendu, un certain nombre d'emplois disparaîtront également à mesure que nous abandonnerons les énergies fossiles. Il nous faut par conséquent prendre des mesures pour veiller à ce que chaque communauté bénéficie de la transition. Ceci nécessitera l'élaboration consciencieuse de politiques d'appui à la sortie des formes plus anciennes de production d'électricité. La solidarité internationale sera également cruciale. Il va nous falloir beaucoup accomplir pour conférer à chacun les technologies, l'expertise, le soutien en termes d'investissement, et les stratégies financières nécessaires.

Fort heureusement, nous disposons d'ores et déjà de plusieurs solutions face à ce problème. Lors de la Conférence des Nations Unies sur les changements

climatiques (COP26) de Glasgow, qui se tiendra au mois de novembre, gouvernements et institutions financières devront s'engager à soutenir des énergies moins coûteuses, moins polluantes, des énergies que nous ne regretterons pas, ainsi qu'à mettre un terme à tous les soutiens internationaux en faveur des combustibles fossiles. Cela ne devrait pas être trop difficile, dans la mesure où de nombreux investissements préexistants deviendront inévitablement des actifs voués à l'échec.

Nous observons d'ores et déjà plusieurs avancées importantes dans cette direction. Au mois de mai, les États membres du G7 se sont engagés à stopper d'ici 2021 tous leurs financements internationaux en faveur de projets au charbon, ainsi qu'à « cesser progressivement les soutiens publics directs aux énergies fossiles internationales à forte intensité de carbone ». Par ailleurs, la Corée du Sud, le Japon, et désormais la Chine - plus grands fournisseurs mondiaux de financements en faveur du charbon - ont également convenu de cesser de financer des projets au charbon à l'étranger.

Aspect tout aussi important, plus de 85 pays (auxquels s'ajoute l'Union européenne) ont présenté leurs engagements climatiques nationaux actualisés, comme prévu par l'accord de Paris, lesquels démontrent une tendance claire en direction d'un plus grand recours aux énergies renouvelables, et d'une moindre utilisation des énergies fossiles d'ici 2030. Pour autant, nombre de ces pays auront besoin d'un soutien technique et financier substantiel pour atteindre leurs objectifs.

Le Royaume-Uni et la Banque européenne d'investissement se sont tous deux engagés à faire du soutien international à la transition énergétique une priorité majeure. En 2019, la BEI est devenue la première banque multilatérale à annoncer la fin de tous les financements en faveur de projets d'énergies fossiles (d'ici 2021). La banque accroît ses investissements dans les énergies propres, y compris au sein de pays en voie de développement afin d'appuyer leur transition. Au Kenya, les investissements de la BEI ont contribué à la construction du plus grand parc éolien d'Afrique, voué à fournir une énergie propre et abordable à l'ensemble de la région.

De même, au mois de mars, le gouvernement britannique a mis fin immédiatement à tout soutien public supplémentaire aux projets énergétiques fossiles à l'étranger, réorientant pleinement les investissements en direction des énergies renouvelables. Cette décision a d'ores et déjà commencé à déverrouiller certaines opportunités majeures, capitalisant sur le soutien existant aux énergies propres fourni par l'agence britannique de crédit à l'exportation, UK Export Finance. Ceci inclut plus de 140 millions £ (163 millions €) de financements pour les exportations britanniques au Ghana, ce qui permettra au Ghana d'entreprendre d'importants projets infrastructurels nationaux, notamment une initiative autour d'une eau potable à l'énergie solaire, qui bénéficiera à plus de 225 000 personnes.

Nous devons immédiatement exploiter cette dynamique pour faire de la COP26 une réussite. D'autres engagements seront nécessaires pour aligner pleinement le soutien public international avec les objectifs de Paris. Nous pouvons atteindre la solidarité nécessaire, en rassemblant gouvernements et institutions publiques de financement derrière une déclaration conjointe proclamant le soutien aux énergies propres, et la sortie progressive des combustibles fossiles.

Nous invitons gouvernements et responsables des finances publiques à nous rejoindre dans la promotion de cette déclaration. Le tribut d'une inaction climatique serait catastrophique. Nous nous situons à une croisée des chemins majeure pour notre planète. La COP26 devra rester dans les mémoires comme le moment de prise d'une décision déterminante pour la préservation de notre avenir commun.

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Might makes not right, unjust wars are doomed to be lost

By: Josep Borrell

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At this dark hour, when we see Russia's unprovoked and unjustified invasion of Ukraine and massive disinformation campaigns and information manipulation, it is essential to separate lies - invented to justify what cannot be justified - from facts.

The facts are that Russia, a major nuclear power, has attacked and invaded a peaceful and democratic neighbouring country, which posed no threat to it, nor provoked it. Moreover, president Putin is threatening reprisals on any other state that may come to the rescue of the people of Ukraine. Such use of force and coercion has no place in the 21st century.

What Putin is doing is not only a grave violation of international law, it is a violation of the basic principles of human coexistence. With his choice to bring war back to Europe, we see the return of the "law of the jungle" where might makes right. The target is not only Ukraine, but the security of Europe and the whole international rules-based order, based on the UN system and international law.

His aggression is taking innocent lives, crushing people's wish to live in peace. Civilian targets are being struck, clearly violating international humanitarian law, forcing people to flee. We see a humanitarian catastrophe developing. For months, we pursued unparalleled efforts to achieve a diplomatic solution. But Putin lied to the faces of all who met him, pretending to be interested in a peaceful solution. Instead, he opted for a full-scale invasion, a fully fledged war.

Russia must cease its military operations immediately, and unconditionally withdraw from the entire territory of Ukraine. The same goes for Belarus, which has to immediately stop its involvement in this aggression and respect its international obligations. The European Union is united in offering its strong support to Ukraine and its people. This is a matter of life and death. I am preparing an emergency package to support the Ukrainian armed forces in their fight.

The international community will now in response opt for a full-scale isolation of Russia, to hold Putin accountable for this aggression. We are sanctioning those who finance the war, crippling the Russian banking system and its access to international reserves.

The EU and its partners have already imposed massive sanctions on Russia that target its leaders and elites and strategic sectors of the Kremlin-run economy. The aim is not to harm the Russian people, but to weaken the Kremlin's ability to finance this unjust war. In doing this, we are closely aligned with our partners and allies - the US, Canada, the

United Kingdom, Japan, South Korea and Australia. We also see many countries from around the world rallying to protect the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine, including Liberia. We stand together on the right side of history in the face of Russia's horrifying attack on a free and sovereign country.

To justify its crimes, the Kremlin and its supporters have engaged in a massive disinformation campaign, which started already weeks ago. We have seen Russian state media and their ecosystem peddling untruths in social media networks with the aim of deceiving and manipulating.

The Kremlin propagandists call the invasion "a special operation", but this cynical euphemism cannot hide the fact that we witness a fully fledged invasion of Ukraine, with the aim to crush its freedom, legitimate government and democratic structures. Calling the Kyiv government "neo-Nazi" and "Russophobic" is nonsense: all manifestations of nazism are banned in Ukraine. In modern Ukraine, extreme rightwing candidates are a fringe phenomenon with minimal support, without passing the barrier to enter the parliament. The Ukrainian government did not cut the Donbas off and it has not prohibited the use of Russian language and culture. Donetsk and Luhansk are no republics, they are Ukrainian regions controlled by Russia-backed and armed separatist groupings.

We know this - and many Russians know this. There have been courageous protests in cities across Russia since the invasion started, demanding the end of the aggression against a peaceful neighbouring nation. We hear their voices and recognise their courage in speaking out, and we also see many prominent public figures in Russia protesting this senseless invasion.

I continue to work with our partners around the world to ensure the joint action of the international community against the Kremlin's behaviour. On 25 February, only Russia vetoed a UN security council Resolution on Russia's aggression against Ukraine, with China, India and the United Arab Emirates abstaining. From all over the world, countries condemn Russia's attacks, and at the General Assembly, the entire international community needs to join forces and help to end Russia's military aggression by adopting the related UN resolution.

With this war on Ukraine, the world will never be the same again. It is now, more than ever, the time for societies and alliances to come together to build our future on trust, justice and freedom. It is the moment to stand up and to speak out. Might does not make right. Never did. Never will.

Facebook Evidence

State Prosecutors have presented photo copies of several Facebook and chat room posts as evidence in their attempt to establish that the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) framework document was altered by the Alternative National Congress (ANC).

March 2022 that Mr. Cummings admitted in a Facebook and chartroom post that he and the ANC altered the CPP framework agreement.

Mr. Cummings is on trial for criminal charges based on accusations by his fellow opposition leader Mr. Benoni Urey



altered by the Alternative National Congress (ANC).

All Liberian Party (ALP) Chairman Mr. Theodore Momo, the first state witness, alleged that ANC political leader Mr. Alexander B. Cummings admitted to allegedly altering the framework agreement of the CPP and also forging his fellow CPP leaders' signatures on a photocopy version.

The state witness testified Thursday, 3

and the All Liberian Party that the accused and his ANC party allegedly tampered with the framework agreement of the Collaborating Political Parties and attached his (Urey's) signature to a photocopy version.

Mr. Momo, Chairman of the All Liberian Party of Mr. Benoni Urey said the Facebook and chat room posts point to admissions by the ANC leadership that the CPP document were altered.

ANC has persistently rejected the allegation that it altered the CPP document during its eight

months Chairmanship.

Several other documents were submitted by state Prosecutors as evidence amidst numerous objections by the ANC Lawyers being tried by the Monrovia City Court at the Temple of Justice in Monrovia.

The trial involving the ANC

leadership including its political leader, Chairman and Secretary-general is expected to be the longest trial as State Prosecutors have given notice of citing several lawyers and officials of the ALP to testify in the trial.

During the trial, State Prosecutors have demanded by law that the three accused ANC leaders are to be present in court at all time during the trial.

Meanwhile, the trial has been postponed for hearing on Monday, March 7, 2022.

Gov't only hospital in flames in Buchanan

The Liberian Government's only referral hospital in Buchanan, Grand Bassa County was destroyed by a raging fire disaster Thursday

- time sky in Buchanan.

There have been concerns here about the safety of patients, doctors, nurses and other workers of the hospital.

Cause of the fire could not be



night, 3 March 2022 to the shock of residents and the citizenry at large.

Residents rushed to the scene seeking to use whatever means to reduce the impact of the fire disaster, but they fought unsuccessfully as flames from the facility lit the night

established immediately. So far, there was no report of injury or casualty.

In live social media footage seen by this paper Thursday night, people trooped to the scene, but had no solution to the raging fire.

Liberia has a weak fire service response during disasters, and

that can be even worse in situations occurring outside the capital, Monrovia.

Lack of effective and equipped fire service depots outside of the main national

LEC problems

But addressing the Grand Gedeh and Maryland current bills, the CEO of LEC said that the money that the two counties paid is so small that it can't cover the operational cost.

For his part, Nimba County Senator Jeremiah Kounk said the lack of current is affecting the economy.

He said the LEC Board chair is not to be blamed for the problem in the company, but the Nimba Senator argued that the Board Chair has served on the board for years before becoming chairman.

River Gee County Senator Jonathan Boycharles Sogbie said his county has not benefited from the county's electricity as though it is not a county in the country.

"How do you want the Senators of River Gee to contribute to the current discussion or have an impact [on] any money that should be given to the company to pay the debt when my county and other counties from the southeast haven't benefited from the LEC. Not even a bulb we have in our county," he said.

President Sirleaf's regime.

Captan suggested that Liberia needs to invest more into its own electricity so that whenever there's a problem with the Ivory Coast, Liberia will have a stand by.

He said Ivory Coast is carrying \$7.2 million for two months of current supply. According to Mr. Captan, if the money is too much, Liberia can reduce the amount of current they want because Ivory Coast doesn't compromise its prices.


Dr. Lawrence D. Sekajipo, Managing Director of the Liberia Electricity Regulatory Cooperation (LERC), said LEC needs to decentralize the customer service and also privatize the investment sector.

Meanwhile, Grand Gedeh County Senator Zoe Pennue said the government here does not owe Ivory Coast US\$9.6 million.

He argued that the people of Grand Gedeh and Maryland Counties have been paying their current bills.

He argued that there were two accounts for the bills, one in LD and the other in USD.





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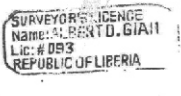
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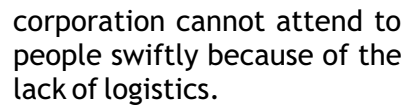


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-Monie Captan



Additionally, the LEC Board Chair disclosed that the government here was owing the West African Power Pool US\$9.6 million. Out of that amount, he said the company has already paid US\$1m and is left with a balance of US\$8.6 million.

Mr. Captan reported that the debt came about during former President Ellen Johnson - Sirleaf's administration.

He explained that the former president was on a tour in the southeast and the people ordered the current to come. He said since that time, the current has not gone off.

Mr. Captan noted that it was from that point that the people of Maryland, Grand Gedeh and part of Nimba Counties started owing the West African Power Pool.

Captan said further that there was no management mechanism during former

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The Board Chair of the Liberia Electricity Cooperation (LEC) Mr. Monie Captan has alarmed here that the lack of sufficient logistics to carry on the institution's operations is one main problem that challenges the company in regards to connecting more people to its powerline.

Appearing before the Plenary of the Liberian Senate Thursday, 3 March 2022, Mr. Captan said when

he took over as LEC Board Chair six months ago, there were challenges that he met there, noting that they are complicated.

According to him, there's no capital injection from the only shareholder of the company which is the Government of Liberia.

"If we have more shareholders, there will be more investments done in the company," he suggested.

Mr. Captan complained that LEC has a few pickups to carry on its operations. He said the



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- Top Center:** 'French Version Inside' and 'Advertise Here For Low Rate'.
- Main Headline:** 'Gov't vs. protesters' in large, bold, black letters.
- Sub-headline:** '-negotiation intensifies behind the scene' in red, italicized letters.
- Image:** A collage of four men's faces, likely political figures, with a background of a protest.
- Bottom Left:** 'The New Dawn' logo and 'FULLY INDEPENDENT'.

Right Cover:

- Top Left:** 'The New Dawn' logo and 'FULLY INDEPENDENT'.
- Top Right:** 'African Diaspora Network' and '15 more minutes free!' with a photo of a man on a phone.
- Main Headline:** 'Dry meat fight leaves one blind' in large, bold, black letters.
- Image:** A photo of a person in a dark, possibly smoky or rainy environment.
- Bottom Left:** 'The New Dawn Press' and 'The New Dawn Press'.
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