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### **Celebrating the Independence of the Republic of Liberia**

The Secretariat of the Mano River Union (MRU) extends its heartfelt congratulations to the Government and People of the Republic of Liberia on the occasion of the 178th Anniversary of Independence, commemorated on the 26th of July 2025.

This historic milestone stands as a powerful symbol of Liberia's enduring legacy as the first independent African republic and a beacon of freedom and hope on the continent. The MRU Secretariat wishes to pay special tribute to **His Excellency Joseph Nyuma Boakai Sr., President of the Republic of Liberia**, for his visionary leadership and steadfast commitment to national development, democratic governance, and regional cooperation.

Liberia's contributions to peacebuilding, economic integration, and regional stability within the MRU space have been vital to the advancement of our shared vision for unity, prosperity, and sustainable development across Member States. As a founding member of the Mano River Union, Liberia continues to inspire the region with its resilient spirit, vibrant culture, and unwavering pursuit of progress.

On this momentous occasion, the MRU reaffirms its solidarity with the people of Liberia and looks forward to continued collaboration with the Government of Liberia in strengthening regional partnerships that benefit the citizens of our Union.

May Liberia continue to flourish in peace, dignity, and prosperity. Long live the Republic of Liberia.

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