

**ACTING ADMINISTRATOR
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UN INTERNATIONAL EBOLA
RECOVERY CONFERENCE
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THANK YOU.

**ON BEHALF OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES, I WOULD LIKE TO
THANK UNITED NATIONS
SECRETARY-GENERAL BAN KI-
MOON FOR BRINGING US ALL
TOGETHER TODAY TO DISCUSS
OUR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO
TACKLE THIS DREADED
DISEASE.**

**OF COURSE, WE FACE A
DIFFICULT ROAD AHEAD. THE
NEW CASES OF EBOLA
DISCOVERED IN LIBERIA JUST
LAST WEEK ARE A SOBERING
REMINDER OF THE NEED FOR
CONTINUED VIGILANCE. OUR
RESPONSE INFRASTRUCTURE
IS WORKING, BUT WE ARE NOT
DONE YET.**

**STILL, WHEN WE LOOK BACK
AT THE PAST YEAR, IT IS
CLEAR WE HAVE MADE
SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS...**

NEW CASES IN THE WEST AFRICAN REGION ARE AT ABOUT 20 PER WEEK, DOWN FROM OVER 100 JUST FOUR MONTHS AGO.

WITHOUT A DOUBT, THE REASON WE HAVE SEEN SUCH RESULTS IS BECAUSE WE STOOD AS A UNITED FRONT IN COMBATING THE DISEASE.

SO, THE STORY OF THE RESPONSE TO THE EBOLA OUTBREAK IS THE STORY OF WHAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER.

**IT IS THE STORY OF THE
STEADFAST LEADERSHIP
DISPLAYED BY LEADERS ALL
OVER THE GLOBE, ESPECIALLY
IN WEST AFRICA.**

**IT IS THE STORY OF THE
UNWAVERING COURAGE OF
HEALTH CARE WORKERS ON
THE FRONT LINES.**

**AND MOST OF ALL, IT IS A
STORY OF THE RESILIENCE OF
THE HUMAN SPIRIT, AND THE
LOVE OF HUMANITY AROUND
THE GLOBE.**

**NOWHERE IS THAT CLEARER
THAN IN THE PEOPLE OF
LIBERIA, GUINEA, AND SIERRA
LEONE, WHO HAVE REMAINED
COMMITTED TO FIGHTING
EBOLA IN THE FACE OF THE
DISEASE'S DEVASTATION.**

**I WANT TO THANK ALL OF OUR
PARTNERS AND DONORS HERE
TODAY – AND RESPONDERS
FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD –
FOR THE IMPORTANT ROLE
YOU HAVE PLAYED IN THIS
PROGRESS.**

**AND I WANT TO ESPECIALLY
THANK PRESIDENT JOHNSON
SIRLEAF, PRESIDENT CONDE
(KON-DAY), AND PRESIDENT
KOROMA (KOR-ROH-MAH) FOR
THEIR STEADFAST LEADERSHIP
AND COURAGEOUS RESPONSE.**

**I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU
ALL, FOR WHAT YOU WILL
CONTINUE TO DO IN THE
FUTURE.**

FOR OUR PART, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE DEMONSTRATED RESOLUTE COMMITMENT TO TACKLE THE SCOURGE OF EBOLA.

WE HAVE PROVIDED MORE THAN \$2 BILLION TO THE RESPONSE EFFORT, AND DEPLOYED THOUSANDS OF BRAVE RESPONDERS TO ASSIST IN MANAGING THE CRISIS.

**GOING FORWARD, WE REMAIN
COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING
OUR PARTNERS IN EACH
COUNTRY AS THEY
TRANSITION FROM CRISIS TO
RECOVERY.**

**AS YOU KNOW, THE EFFECTS
OF EBOLA RIPPLED FAR
BEYOND THE DISEASE ITSELF.
YOUNG PEOPLE STOPPED
GOING TO SCHOOL, AND TRADE
DECLINED AS COUNTRIES
CLOSED THEIR BORDERS.**

ADDITIONALLY, THE OUTBREAK STRETCHED THE LIMITS OF ENTIRE INSTITUTIONS – FROM HEALTH MINISTRIES TO INFRASTRUCTURE – THAT MUST NOW BE REBUILT.

AS WE CONTINUE ON THE ROAD TO “ZERO CASES”, THE UNITED STATES IS HERE TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF WEST AFRICA AS THEY BEGIN THE LONG PROCESS OF REBUILDING AND RESTORING THEIR LIVELIHOODS AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT.

**BUT WHILE WE DO THIS WORK,
WE NEED TO SEIZE THE
OPPORTUNITY IN FRONT OF US
TO BUILD BETTER, MORE
RESILIENT SYSTEMS THAT CAN
PREVENT FUTURE EPIDEMICS
FROM SPREADING.**

**WE CANNOT RETURN TO
BUSINESS AS USUAL.**

**THAT MEANS WE MUST COMMIT
TO STRENGTHENING HEALTH
SYSTEMS AS WE REBUILD
THEM.**

**WE NEED TO ENHANCE
TRANSPARENCY AND
ACCOUNTABILITY AT ALL
LEVELS TO SUSTAIN THE
PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE.**

**AND, WE NEED TO ENSURE
THAT THE LOCAL HEROES WHO
HAVE SHOWN REMARKABLE
COURAGE IN STANDING UP TO
THIS DISEASE – SUCH AS
HEALTH WORKERS AND
TEACHERS – ARE RECOGNIZED
FOR THEIR ACTIONS AND
COMPENSATED FOR THEIR
WORK.**

THE COUNTRIES OF WEST AFRICA HAVE ALREADY DEMONSTRATED COMMENDABLE LEADERSHIP ON ALL FRONTS, PULLING TOGETHER THE NECESSARY SUPPORT AND RESOURCES FROM THE VERY START OF THE OUTBREAK.

**YOUR EFFORT – AND OUR
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP –
OFFERS A POWERFUL MODEL
OF WHAT CAN BE DONE WHEN
WE EMPHASIZE LOCAL
LEADERSHIP, SPUR
INNOVATION, AND EMBRACE
PUBLIC-PRIVATE
PARTNERSHIPS.**

**THIS IS A MODEL THAT WORKS.
AND NEXT WEEK, I PLAN TO
MAKE THAT CASE IN ADDIS
ABABA, WHERE LEADERS FROM
ALL OVER THE WORLD WILL
GATHER TO DETERMINE HOW
TO ACHIEVE THE NEXT
GENERATION OF GLOBAL
DEVELOPMENT GOALS.**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TO MEET THOSE GOALS, AND WE STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH YOU AS YOU WORK TO BUILD STRONGER AND MORE ACCOUNTABLE SYSTEMS.

IN DEMONSTRATION OF OUR COMMITMENT, I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL BE PLEDGING AN ADDITIONAL \$266 MILLION TO SUPPORT EBOLA RECOVERY EFFORTS IN WEST AFRICA.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
CONTINUING OUR
PARTNERSHIP AS WE REBUILD
AND PREPARE FOR FUTURE
OUTBREAKS OF EBOLA AND
OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.**

**THANK YOU ALL AGAIN FOR
YOUR DEDICATION AND YOUR
LEADERSHIP, AND FOR YOUR
PARTNERSHIP GOING
FORWARD.**