



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 123

ESTABLISHING THE JOINT PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION TEAM 2023

Whereas, for only the second time in over 70 years in succession, Liberia is experiencing the smooth transfer of power from one democratically-elected President to another democratically-elected President;

Whereas, the Constitution and laws of Liberia do not provide the protocol and mechanisms for the orderly transfer of power from one democratically-elected President to another democratically-elected President;

Whereas, there is a need to develop a system of appropriate protocols and mechanisms for the management and coordination of the smooth transfer of power from an incumbent President to an incoming President;

Whereas, the Liberian people have resolved to continue on the path of peaceful, stable and sustained democratic development;

Now therefore, I, George M. Weah, Sr., President of the Republic of Liberia, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me pursuant to Chapter 2, Article 5(c) of the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia(1986), hereby issue this Executive Order establishing the Joint Presidential Transition Team, to develop a system of appropriate protocols and mechanisms for the smooth transfer of power from the incumbent President to the incoming President.

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Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Executive Order is to establish mechanisms for the proper management and orderly transfer of executive power from the incumbent President to the incoming President.

Section 2. Names and Composition of the Transition Team

A Transition Team is hereby established to be called the Joint Presidential Transition Team ("JPTT").

- a. **Composition:** The Incumbent President of Liberia shall appoint twenty (20) persons to the Joint Presidential Transition Team and they shall be as follows: (1) Minister of Foreign Affairs and Dean of the Cabinet, (2) Minister of Finance and Development Planning, (3) Minister of Justice, (4) Minister of National Defense, (5) Minister of State for Presidential Affairs, (6) Minister of Internal Affairs, (7) Minister of Mines and Energy, (8) Minister of Health, (9) Governor of the Central Bank of Liberia, (10) Economic Advisor to the President, (11) Legal Advisor to the President, (12) National Port Authority, (13) National Social Security and Welfare Corporation, (14) Liberia Maritime Authority, (15) Liberia Revenue Authority, (16) Director General of the General Service Agency, (17) Liberia Electricity Corporation, and three (3) other members to be appointed at the discretion of the Incumbent President.

- b. The President-Elect is invited to designate twenty (20) persons to the JPTT, all of whom must be Liberian citizens, so as to facilitate the work of the JPTT in a timely manner.

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- c. The Director-General of the Cabinet shall be the Secretary to the JPTT and head of the Secretariat. Other members of the Secretariat are the Economic Advisor to the President and the Legal Advisor to the President. The Director-General of the Cabinet shall second other support staff from within the Executive Branch of Government as may be required, to expedite the timely work of the JPTT.
- d. The Incumbent President and the President-Elect shall be Co-Chairpersons to the JPTT.
- e. Notwithstanding paragraph (d) above, the Incumbent President shall designate the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Dean of the Cabinet to act as Co-Chairperson in his absence to oversee all affairs of the Joint Presidential Transition Team 2023 and conduct all meetings in his absence. The President-Elect may also designate any member of his Team to similarly act as a Co-Chairperson in his absence.
- f. Decisions of the JPTT shall be made by consensus and any disagreements shall be resolved by the Incumbent President and the President-Elect, acting jointly.

Section 3. Duration

The JPTT shall commence its functions and exercise the powers and authority granted by this Executive Order no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the declaration of the President-Elect by the National Elections Commission ("NEC"). It shall cease to function after the publication of its Final Report which shall be no later than forty-eight (48) hours before the Inauguration of the President-Elect and Vice President-Elect.

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Section 4. Functions of the Joint Presidential Transition Team

The following shall be the functions and powers of the JPTT:

- (a) Formulate guidelines and policies to govern the transition;
- (b) Ensure the provision of regular national security briefings for the President-Elect during the period commencing immediately upon the constitution of the JPTT by the Incumbent President and the President-Elect;
- (c) Ensure that every lawful step is taken to promote orderly transition from the Incumbent President to the President-Elect;
- (d) Liaise with all relevant government agencies to ensure the effective provision of services and facilities in pursuance of this Executive Order.

Section 5. Meetings of the Joint Presidential Transition Team

- (a) The Incumbent President shall call the first meeting of the JPTT within forty-eight (48) hours after the declaration of the President-Elect by the NEC.
- (b) Every meeting of the JPTT, after its first meeting shall be convened by the Incumbent President and the President-Elect jointly, or their designees.

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Section 6. Funding and Support of the Joint Presidential Transition Team

- (a) Immediately upon constitution of the JPTT, the Incumbent President shall authorize the reallocation of national resources and assets to support the operations of the JPTT and its Secretariat and the provisions contained herein.
- (b) The appointees of the Incumbent President to the JPTT, who are officials of the Liberian Government and receiving salaries and emoluments up to the end of the mandate of the JPTT, shall not be entitled to any additional compensation for their services.
- (c) The appointees of the Incoming President and President-Elect to the JPTT, who are not public servants, shall be paid an honorarium as shall be decided by the Incumbent President and President-Elect.

Section 7. Services to be provided to the President-Elect and Vice President-Elect

The JPTT, working in collaboration with the appropriate agencies of the Government of Liberia, shall ensure that services are provided to the President-Elect and Vice President-Elect until Inauguration Day, which shall include office facilities, logistics, transportation, travel allowances, communication services, daily national security briefings, and other services and benefits as may be considered appropriate by the JPTT.

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Section 8. *Surrender of Assets and Services to be provided to the Incumbent President and Vice President*

The Incumbent President and Vice President shall vacate their official offices and official residences on or before Inauguration Day. Notwithstanding this provision, the JPTT, working in collaboration with the appropriate agencies of the Government of Liberia, shall ensure that services are provided to them, which shall include but not be limited to: chauffeur-driven vehicles, VIP Protection (EPS and Police Services), logistics, allowances, and any other benefits and services as may be determined by the JPTT.

Section 9. *Non-Tenured Presidential Appointees*

Non-tenured presidential appointees shall be presumed to have resigned as of the date of inauguration. Accordingly, the most Senior Civil Servant at all ministries, agencies, commissions and state-owned enterprises, shall act as Officer-in-Charge pending the appointment of their successors.

This Executive Order shall take immediate effect.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Republic of Liberia, this 22nd Day of November, A.D. 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George M. Weah, Sr.', written over a horizontal line.

George M. Weah, Sr
PRESIDENT
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA