

OFFICIAL STATEMENT by PRESIDENT GEORGE MANNEH WEAH

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It is with utmost sadness that I have learned of the death of Ambassador Mary-Ann Fossung, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary accredited to the Republic of Senegal with oversight for our Foreign Missions in the Republics of Gambia and Cape Verde respectively.

Ambassador Fossung died on February 3, 2020 at the Carthagene Hospital in Tunis, Tunisia after battling with illness. We are at a loss for words to express how saddened and grief-stricken we all are – upon hearing of the death of one of our devoted emissaries.

Ambassador Fossung was a dedicated diplomat who worked assiduously to promote our Foreign Policy and deepen bilateral relations and economic cooperation – between the Government and people of Senegal and that of ours. She served with utmost probity and distinction; and her passing has created a deep void within our Foreign Service as she will truly be missed.

Ambassador Fossung's service at our Foreign Mission in Senegal began in 2008 when she was Commissioned as 1st Secretary and worked assiduously until she was later promoted to the position of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary in 2019. Her time as Ambassador to Senegal saw a heightened period of cooperation between our respective Governments; and further created several opportunities for the benefit of our respective countries.

As the Government and People of Liberia join the Fossung family in mourning the passing of their loved one, I would like to, on behalf of the Government and in my own name, extend my heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathy to the Fossung Family, Our Foreign Service - most especially our Mission in Senegal, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and all others affected by this loss.

I reckon that these are tough times for the Fossung Family and our Foreign Missions; and we will continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers during this time of deep sorrow.

Indeed, Liberia has lost a great soul and a committed public servant. May her soul rest in perfect peace and may light perpetual shine on her.