



THE PRESIDENT

# REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 159

### **CONSOLIDATING AND EXPANDING THE MANDATE OF THE LIBERIA REFUGEE REPATRIATION AND RESETTLEMENT COMMISSION (LRRRC) TO INCLUDE MIGRATION GOVERNANCE, STATELESSNESS, AND THE MANAGEMENT OF DEPORTED AND RETURNED LIBERIANS, AND INCORPORATING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 144**

WHEREAS, the Republic of Liberia is a State Party to international and regional legal instruments governing refugees, migration, statelessness, and human rights, including the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, the 1954 Convention relating to the status of Stateless persons, the Kampala Convention adapted in 2009 on IDPs in Africa, the 1969 OAU Refugee Convention, the ECOWAS Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, and the African Union Migration Policy Framework;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 144 established interim measures to strengthen national coordination on refugee and displacement-related matters through the Liberia Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC);

WHEREAS, Liberia continues to experience evolving population movement dynamics, including mixed migration flows across its borders, residual refugee populations, stateless persons in border communities, and increasing deportation and return of Liberian nationals from the diaspora;

WHEREAS, the existing statutory mandate of the LRRRC, even as strengthened by Executive Order No. 144, remains limited in addressing contemporary migration, statelessness, and reintegration challenges;

WHEREAS, the absence of a single national authority coordinating refugee protection, migration governance, statelessness response, and returnee reintegration poses risks to national security, social cohesion, and humanitarian protection;

WHEREAS, Article 54 of the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia vests in the President the authority to issue Executive Orders for the effective administration of the State;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Joseph Nyuma Boakai Sr., President of the Republic of Liberia, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Republic, do hereby order as follows:



## **SECTION 1: CONSOLIDATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 144**

1. The provisions and directives contained in **Executive Order No. 144** are hereby incorporated into and consolidated under this Executive Order.
2. To the extent that any provisions of Executive Order No. 144 are inconsistent with this Order, this Executive Order shall prevail.
3. Executive Order No. 144 shall thereafter be deemed superseded but not invalidated, and all lawful actions taken pursuant to it shall remain valid.

## **SECTION 2: EXPANDED MANDATE OF THE LRRRC**

The mandate of the **Liberia Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC)** is hereby expanded to include responsibility for:

1. **Refugee Protection and Durable Solutions**, including asylum coordination, voluntary repatriation, local integration, and resettlement;
2. **Migration Governance**, including coordination of mixed migration flows, border reception, screening, referral of vulnerable migrants, and advisory support on migration trends;
3. **Statelessness Identification and Response**, including data collection, issuance of temporary documentation, referral for nationality determination under Liberian law, and statelessness prevention measures;
4. **Reception, Protection and Reintegration of Deported and Returned Liberians, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)** including psychosocial support, livelihood assistance, skills development, and reintegration monitoring;
5. **Migration Data, Research and Early Warning**, including analysis of population movements relevant to national security and development planning;
6. **Policy Coordination**, serving as the lead technical body advising Government on refugee, migration, statelessness, and returnee-related policies.

## **SECTION 3: LEAD COORDINATION ROLE**



1. The LRRRC shall serve as the **central coordinating institution** for all refugee, migration, statelessness, and returnee-related matters in Liberia.
2. All Ministries, Agencies and Commissions, including but not limited to the Ministry of local Government, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Labor, Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection, Liberia Immigration Service, and Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, National Identification Registry, Liberia National Red Cross, National Food Assistance Authority, shall cooperate fully with the LRRRC in the execution of this mandate.
3. The LRRRC may establish **inter-agency technical committees and Policy Working Groups** as necessary.

#### **SECTION 4: TRANSITION TO A PERMANENT AUTHORITY**

1. This Executive Order shall serve as a **transitional governance framework** pending the enactment by the Legislature of the Act establishing the **Refugee and Migration Commission of Liberia (RAMCOL)**.
2. All functions exercised under this Executive Order shall be deemed transferred to the RAMCOL upon its legal establishment.

#### **SECTION 5: FUNDING AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION**

1. The Ministry of Finance and Development Planning is hereby directed to make appropriate **budgetary, fiscal and administrative arrangements** to support the expanded mandate of the LRRRC.
2. The LRRRC is authorized to engage with **international partners, donors, and regional organizations** for technical and financial assistance consistent with national priorities.

#### **SECTION 6: REPORTING AND OVERSIGHT**

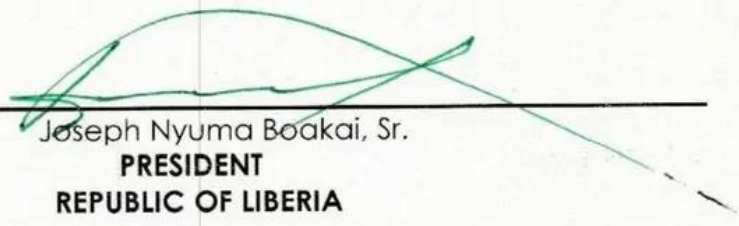
The Executive Director of the LRRRC shall report to and submit periodic implementation reports to the President, detailing progress, challenges, policy recommendations, and resource utilization.

#### **SECTION 7: EFFECTIVE DATE**



This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force for one (1) year upon signing.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA THIS 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH A.D.  
2026.

  
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Joseph Nyuma Boakai, Sr.  
**PRESIDENT**  
**REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA**

