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WASHINGTON DC, September, 24, 2024..In a momentous address at the 80th General Debate of Heads of Government of the United Nations General Assembly on September 23, 2025, Liberian President His Excellency Joseph Nyuma Boakai, Sr. passionately highlighted vital topics affecting Liberia and the international community. His speech underscored efforts in asset declaration, reconciliation after war, international collaboration, and commitment to environmental and geopolitical matters.

The Liberian Chief Executive assured world leaders that as Liberia takes its seat as a non permanent member on the UN Security Council, it stands ready and poised to fully represent the hopes and aspirations of the African continent. He thanked his colleagues for their support of electing Liberia to the UN Security Council and promised to work assiduously with members of the Council to avoid conflicts in fragile nations and maintain global peace and security.



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President Boakai Speaks at UNGA 2025

Emphasizing the crucial step towards transparency and integrity in governance, President Boakai announced

that officials in Liberia are now required to declare their assets. This significant move, the President explained, aims to combat corruption and build public trust in government institutions. In a nation striving to recover from past conflicts and economic challenges, the asset declaration initiative serves as a vital metric of accountability.

"This initiative not only strengthens public trust but also aligns with our broader commitment to uphold democratic values," President Boakai asserted. He added that by promoting transparency, Liberia is not only fostering accountability but also showcasing its readiness to adhere to international best practices.

The President further reflected on Liberia's tumultuous history, paying homage to the victims of the civil war. He announced plans for the reburial of former presidents who lost their lives during the conflict, which symbolizes the country's commitment to reconciliation and closure. The process of honoring these leaders, he noted, is essential for healing the nation, asserting that true progress can only occur when the scars of the past are acknowledged. Presidents William R. Tolbert Jr and Samuel K. Doe were reburied this year.

President Boakai reiterated, "It is our moral obligation to honor those who suffered and sacrificed for our country. Their memory propels us toward unity and progress."

In a powerful moment, President Boakai renewed Liberia's request for international assistance in establishing a War and Economic Crimes Court. He conveyed that such a court is necessary to address the atrocities committed during the civil war and ensure justice for victims. "We must end the culture of impunity," he declared, urging the international community to support Liberia's ambition to confront its challenging past.

Acknowledging the global responsibility to uphold human rights, the President emphasized that with international backing, Liberia could demonstrate its commitment to justice and rule of law, ultimately aiding in healing the nation.

Looking ahead, President Boakai highlighted Liberia's plan to submit its next Voluntary National Review in 2026, aligning with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He pledged that Liberia would accelerate the implementation of these goals in accordance with the African Union's Agenda 2063 and ECOWAS' Vision 2050.

"As we approach this review, we reaffirm our commitment to development that is inclusive and sustainable," he stated. The President called on the global community to collaborate with Liberia in achieving these ambitious targets, which he believes are crucial for national progress.

Addressing climate change, President Boakai championed the full implementation of the Paris Agreement. He stressed that Liberia, being one of the countries most vulnerable to climate change, is committed to environmental stewardship and sustainable development.

"The time for action is now," he urged, encouraging global leaders to prioritize renewable energy and environmental sustainability. President Boakai's call resonated with the urgency of climate action and Liberia's commitment to combating environmental degradation.

Finally, President Boakai articulated Liberia's steadfast support for the two-state solution, where Israelis and Palestinians coexist peacefully and securely. He implored the international community to renew efforts for dialogue and diplomacy in resolving longstanding conflicts in the Middle East.

As he concluded his address, President Boakai invoked a spirit of unity and action, urging world leaders to come together to build a just, equitable, and peaceful global community.

"Liberia stands ready to contribute positively to global peace and development," he proclaimed, underlining that the nation's future is intertwined with the broader aspirations for a better world.

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