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H.E. President Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2014 assured Political Parties in Sierra Leone of governments support towards their intervention in the sensitization on the Ebola disease.

"Today is a great day for Sierra Leone because Political Party that provides leadership for the people of Sierra Leone have come together to respond to the fight against Ebola which he says is a national issue" President Koroma started his address.

Speaking to senior representatives of eight political parties present, President Koroma says the action taken by Political Party will serve as a precedent in the Political Stage in Africa as it is not easy for Political Parties to come together to discuss issues of national concern. He says the Political Parties in Sierra Leone must congratulate themselves for such endeavour.

Ebola President Koroma says is a very deadly disease that does not know region, political party or tribe and that it is a reality and every Sierra Leonean must take it very seriously.

Giving an update from the Ministry of Health, President Koroma says one hundred and thirty-eight (138) tested cases with fifty –two (52) confirmed positive, nineteen (19) death and four (4) discharged from the Kenema Hospital have been reported. These figures he says is alarming as there has been unconfirmed report of reported cases in Port Loko and Kambia.

In his statement, the Chairman of the Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC), Hon Justice M.E. Tolla Thompson says this is an opportunity for Political Parties to come together as a nation as this is a matter of national concern.

Speaking on behalf of political parties present, Chief Somanoh Kapen, Chairman of the Sierra Leone Peoples Party assured President Koroma that the political parties are willing and prepared to support the government in the fight against Ebola. Ebola he says has no friend so it must be taken as a national issue.

In her statement, the Acting Chairman of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), Mrs Augusta James-Teima says this is a concern for both the people

who on the one hand are the electorates and also to political parties who needs the people of Sierra Leone. She assures President Koroma that they've come together to correct the fallacies about Ebola.

The presentation of the revised concept note and budget to President Koroma by the Deputy Minister of Political and Public Affairs Karamoh Kabba formed the highpoint of the meeting.

The meeting was attended by the All Peoples Congress (APC), Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP), Peoples Movement for Democratic Change (PMDC), United Democratic Movement (UDM), Peace and Liberation Party (PLP), United National People's Party (UNPP), National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and Revolutionary United Front Party (RUFP).

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