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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

Dr. Jill Biden's Visit to Sierra Leone

FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE – The U.S. Embassy in Freetown is expecting the arrival of Dr. Jill Biden, the Second Lady of the United States of America, on Sunday, July 6. Catherine Russell, U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues, will be accompanying Dr. Biden. Dr. Biden's visit will focus on the importance the U.S. Government places on women and girls' empowerment. Her stop in Sierra Leone will mark the end of a three-country tour of Africa and follows visits to Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Dr. Biden's arrival and select events are open to the media. As there may be limited space, all interested media are strongly encouraged to RSVP in advance by 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 5. To RSVP, media representatives must contact Information Media Assistant Wotay Kamara via telephone at 076-695-357.

Press is encouraged to be on location 30 minutes prior to the start times of each event, and pre-set times and final access times are indicated below. Cameras, recorders, and other electronic devices will be allowed.

Media representatives may attend the events below upon presentation of one of the following: (1) a media-issued photo identification card, or (2) a letter from their employer on letterhead verifying their employment as a journalist, accompanied by an official and current photo identification card (Sierra Leone identity card, driver's license, passport). Please note that members of the public and press may be subject to security screening.

**Due to limited room at sites not listed below, a local press pool has been established in order to cover the majority of the trip. The press pool will carry coverage of events not open to ancillary press. All members of press are welcome to contact any reporter on the attached press pool list for notes, photographs, video footage, and stories.*

Events open to press are as follows:

Sunday, July 6, 2014

4 p.m. - Arrival of Dr. Jill Biden + Delegation at Freetown Lungi International Airport
Pre-set for video cameras 3:20 p.m. at the Presidential Lounge of the airport. Please proceed through the Presidential Lounge gate, through airport security with your press credentials, and find the Press Check-in table. Press parking is located outside the second gate (outside the wire fence). Final access time for journalists and still photographers: 3:35 p.m.

Monday, July 7, 2014

10:30 a.m. - Walk with President of Sierra Leone Ernest Bai Koroma to the Cotton Tree in downtown Freetown
Pre-set for video cameras 10 a.m. at second light (between State House and Cotton Tree). No Press Check-in table, but look for a person holding Press Check-in sign. Final access time for journalists and still photographers: 10:15 a.m.

11 a.m. - Formal Remarks from Dr. Biden and Ambassador at-Large Catherine Russell at St. Joseph's Secondary School, Freetown
Pre-set for video cameras 10:20 a.m. Please proceed through school gate and present press credentials at the Press Check-in table located in front of the first school building. No final access time for press.

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VISIT FROM SECOND LADY DR. JILL BIDEN: PRESS POOL MEMBERS

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