1. I am currently a senior and the Secretary-General of my school’s Model UN club. I have attended every conference that my school has competed at since my freshman year, and I was at PMUNC my freshman year. Besides PMUNC, I have attended one SHUMUN conference, two RUMUN conferences, and three ILMUNC conferences. I won a Best Delegate award at SHUMUN, and a verbal commendation and an Outstanding Delegate award at ILMUNC. In 2013, I also went to the Best Delegate Summer Program at Georgetown.
2. I am interested in joining this committee because my two biggest interests within the scope of Model UN are human rights and sociology. I have never been in a cabinet crisis before and had the chance to represent a specific person with specialized powers and duties. I work best in small groups that formulate deep and complicated conversations, and I think I can contribute a different opinion to the crisis.
3. I do not have extended prior knowledge about this topic, though I’m excited to learn in-depth about this through the crisis. I know that the UN Peacekeepers had a very complicated deployment in Liberia during the civil disputes. I am also interested in simulating President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf’s Cabinet as she was just elected as Africa’s first head of state in 2005.
4. I hope to learn how to think quickly on my feet, as I tend to be a very idealistic and theoretical thinker when it comes to solutions. I am very interested in how philosophy influences the idea of human rights and dignity, and I want to learn to develop pragmatic solutions for such a complex issue.
5. Though it has nothing to do with Liberia or Model UN, I would have to say that my favorite word is teeter-totter. I grew up in Chicago and it was just what we called a seesaw, and that was just the first thing that made me notice slight differences between the Midwest and the Mid-Atlantic. I’d like to think of it as a word that still roots me in my hometown.