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Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)
Attn: Mr. Christopher O'Brien, Executive Secretary
Le Chantier Mall (2nd floor)
Victoria Mahé, Seychelles

RE: Request for Continued Participation as Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (CNCP)

Dear Secretariat:

The purpose of this letter is to request Liberia's continued participation as a CNCP of the IOTC. Please note that our reason for renewing our status is because Liberia has a number of reefer/carrier and support vessels that participate in transshipment activities in the IOTC Convention Area. Pursuant to the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014), Rule IX: *Cooperating Non-Contracting Party*, please see below information:

Data on historical fisheries in the IOTC Area, including nominal catches, number/type of vessels, name of fishing vessels, fishing effort and fishing areas:

Liberia has several carrier and support vessels in the IOTC Convention Area and are included on the IOTC's Record of Vessels.

All the data that Contracting Parties have to submit to IOTC based on the Resolutions adopted by IOTC:

Liberia has submitted and will continue to submit the requisite data to the IOTC. In due course, Liberia intends to provide to the IOTC its Compliance Questionnaire; Report of Implementation; Report of Implementation of VMS; Annual Report on Transshipment (due September 15); and National Scientific Report, any other information deemed relevant by the IOTC.

Details on current fishing presence in the IOTC Area, number of vessels and vessel characteristics:

Liberia does not have fishing vessels in the IOTC Convention Area. However, Liberia has provided its Record of Vessels, which includes vessels that are authorized to engage in transshipment activities in the Convention Area.

Information on any research programs Liberia may have conducted in the IOTC Area and the information and the results of this research:

Liberia has not conducted any research programs in the IOTC Area. Should Liberia conduct any such activities, the results will be provided to the Secretariat.

In addition, Liberia:

Confirms its commitment to respect the Commission's Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs):

Liberia is fully committed to cooperating in the implementation of CMMs adopted by the IOTC and will continue to ensure that its vessels comply with the provisions of the IOTC Convention and CMMs.

f) Inform the IOTC of the measures to ensure compliance by Liberian registered vessels:

Liberia has implemented measures to ensure compliance by vessels engaged in transshipment activities in the IOTC and other Areas. Some of those measures include, but are not limited to: vessel monitoring system (VMS) requirements; authorization to transship; establishment of a fish monitoring center (FMC); establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out IUU fishing activities; and investigation of alleged IUU activities and imposition of sanctions. Should you need additional information, please feel free to contact the undersigned at transshipment@nafaa.gov.lr. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Emma Metieh Glassco
Director General

