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Application for Cooperating non-Contracting Party Status by Liberia



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RE: COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTY STATUS

Dear Dr. Allen:

This is in furtherance to the exchange of communication between you and Mr. Michael Davies-Sekle, dated 10/16/2013 and Mr. Christian Mollitor, as well as your letter to Liberia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dated 9/30/2013. Please be informed that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' letter in response to yours of 9/30/2013 is being processed; however, as per instructions from Monrovia, please consider this letter as notification of Liberia's interest in attaining CNCP status. In this regard, please find the attached as partial submission of documentation relating to SPRMO's requirements for CNCP status. We understand that there are other documents required to be submitted for CNCP status, for which we request additional time to gather the rest of the information in support of our application.

We hope that this letter will receive your favorable consideration to allow for the review of Liberia's application for CNCP status during your forthcoming annual meeting. We also hope that the Commission will consider removing the Laskaridis vessels (FRIO IONIAN, IMO# 9014793 and TAGANROGSKIY ZALIV, IMO# 9016973) from SPRFMO'S "Draft IUU List" as we are pursuing CNCP status.

We appreciate your assistance with this matter. Kindly revert with your acknowledgement of this letter.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Margaret Ansumana', written over a horizontal line.

Margaret Ansumana
Deputy Commissioner
Liberia Maritime Affairs

**DOCUMENTATION FOR REQUIREMENTS OF
SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES
MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION (“SPRFMO”)**

**COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTY
STATUS**

(See Attachments)

ATTACHMENT 1

Requirement: Reason for Attaining CNCP Status

Liberia: Our reason for attaining CNPC status with SPRMO is because we have in our Liberian Registry a large number of reefer vessels that can participate in transshipment activities in the SPRFMO Convention Area.

ATTACHMENT 2

Requirement: Commitment to Cooperate Fully in the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures Adopted by the Commission

Liberia: We are committed to fully cooperating in the implementation of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission and will ensure that reefer vessels flying the Liberian flag and engaging in activities in the Convention Area comply with the provisions of the Convention. Some of those conservation and management measures include:

CMM 1.01 Conservation and Management Measure for Trachurus Murphyi;

CMM 1.02 Conservation and Management Measure for Gillnets in the SPRFMO Convention Area;

CMM 1.03 Standards for the Collection, Reporting, Verification and Exchange of Data;

CMM 1.04 Conservation and Management Measure Establishing a List of Vessels Presumed To Have Carried Out Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing Activities in the SPRFMO Convention Area.

ATTACHMENT 3

Full Data on Historical Fisheries, Including:

- Nominal catches;
- Number/type of vessels;
- Name of fishing vessels;
- Fishing effort/fishing areas.

NOTE: This requirement does not apply to Liberia for non-domestic fishing activities. In the event there is consideration for registration of fishing vessels in SPRFMO's Convention Area, Liberia will provide notification of the same, including:

- Nominal catches;
- Number/type of vessels;
- Name of fishing vessels;
- Fishing effort/fishing areas.

However, we may provide a spreadsheet identifying currently registered Liberian-flagged reefer vessels by name, type, and IMO number.

ATTACHMENT 4

Requirement: Any Further Relevant Information as Determined by the Commission

Liberia: In regards to this requirement, Liberia would be pleased to review any additional relevant information determined by the Commission in order to gather the necessary information for submission to SPRFMO.