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**South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation**

**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Compliance and Technical Committee,  
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**CTC-01-05 (supplementary II)**

**Application for Cooperating non-Contracting Status by Liberia**

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**REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA**  
**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**  
**MONROVIA, LIBERIA**

November 25, 2013

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Dr. Robin Allen, Acting Exec. Secretary  
 SPRFMO Secretariat  
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 New Zealand

**RE: DRAFT IUU LIST NOTIFICATION/COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTY STATUS**

Dear Dr. Allen:

We acknowledge receipt of your 9/30/2013 letter in which you encourage Liberia to become a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (CNCP) to SPRFMO. We also direct your attention to the Deputy Commissioner's letter of 11/11/2013. This letter also serves as our official application for CNCP status with SPRFMO. We are aware that the following information comprises of the requirements for CNCP status:

- 1) Reason for attaining CNCP status;
- 2) Commitment to cooperate fully in the implementation of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission;
- 3) Full data on historical fisheries, including nominal catches, number/type of vessels, etc.;
- 4) Any relevant information as determined by the Commission;
- 5) Explicit commitment to accept high seas boarding and inspections;
- 6) All data and information members of the Commission are required to submit.

As you are aware, items 1, 2, 3, and 4 have been provided to your office by the letter of 11/11/2013 for your consideration. We hope that you will accord us the additional time necessary to collect the supplementary information. 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.

In the meantime, please note that our reason for attaining CNPC status is because we have in our Liberian Registry a large number of reefer vessels that can participate in transshipment activities in the SPRMFO Convention Area. Furthermore, we are committed to fully cooperating in the implementation of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission. We will ensure that reefer vessels flying our flag comply with the provisions of the Convention and conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission.

Kindly revert with an acknowledgement of this letter.

Sincerely,

Sylvester M. Grigsby  
**Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs**  
 Republic of Liberia

CC: Mr. Binyah Kesselly, Commissioner of LMA