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# **South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation**

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**Liberia's application to renew Cooperating non-Contracting Party status**

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

*Office of Deputy  
Corporate Registrar*

November 3, 2014

Dr. Johanne Fischer, Executive Secretary  
SPRFMO Secretariat  
P.O. Box 3797  
Wellington 6140  
New Zealand

**RE: COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTY STATUS**

Dear Dr. Fischer:

The purpose of this letter is to request Liberia's continued participation as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (CNCP) of the Southern Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization (SPRFMO). Liberia is absolutely committed to cooperating in the implementation of conservation and management measures adopted by SPRFMO.

In accordance with provisions set out in Decision 1.02, Liberia is submitting the following information in support of its renewal application:

1. Reason for seeking renewal of CNCP status (*See Attachment 1*);
2. Commitment to cooperate fully in the implementation of conservation and management measures (CMMs) adopted by the Commission and to ensure that vessels flying the flag of Liberia and fishing in the Convention Area and, to the greatest extent possible, its nationals, comply with the provisions of the Convention and CMMs adopted by the Commission (*See Attachment 2*);
3. An explicit commitment to accept high seas boarding and inspections in accordance with the Commission's procedures on high seas boarding and inspection, once they have been adopted (*See Attachment 3*);
4. Full data on Liberia's historical fisheries in the Convention Area, including nominal catches, number/type of vessels, name of fishing vessels, fishing effort and fishing areas (*See Attachment 4*);
5. All the data and information members of the Commission are required to submit, in accordance with the standards adopted by the Commission (*See Attachment 5*); and
6. Any further relevant information as determined by the Commission (*See Attachment 6*).

Kindly revert with your acknowledgement of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margaret Ansumana'.

Margaret Ansumana

Deputy Commissioner for Maritime Affairs/  
Deputy Corporate Registrar  
Republic of Liberia

## **ATTACHMENT 1**

### **Reason for Seeking Renewal of CNCP Status.**

Liberia's reason for seeking renewal of CNCP status with SPRMO is because we have in our Liberian Registry a number of reefer vessels that can participate and are participating in transshipment activities in the SPRFMO Convention Area.

Further, Liberia wants to demonstrate that it supports SPRFMO's efforts in combatting illegal, unregulated, and unreported fishing activities.

## ATTACHMENT 2

**Commitment to Fully Cooperate in the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) Adopted by the Commission and to Ensure that Vessels Flying the Flag of Liberia and Fishing in the Convention Area and, to the Greatest Extent Possible, our Nationals, Comply with the Provisions of the Convention and CMMs Adopted by the Commission.**

Liberia is fully committed to cooperating in the implementation of CMMs adopted by the Commission and will ensure that reefer vessels flying the flag of Liberia and engaging in activities in the Convention Area and, to the greatest extent possible, our nationals, comply with the provisions of the Convention and CMMs adopted by the Commission. Some of those CMMs include:

- 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.
- CMM 2.02 Standards for the Collection, Reporting, Verification and Exchange of Data.
- CMM 2.05 Establishment of the Commission record of Vessels authorized to fish in the Convention Area.
- CMM 2.06 Establishment of the Vessel Monitoring System in the SPRFMO Convention Area.
- CMM 2.07 Minimum Standards of inspection in Port.

## **ATTACHMENT 3**

### **An Explicit Commitment to Accept High Seas Boarding and Inspections in Accordance with the Commission's Procedures on High Seas Boarding and Inspection, Once Adopted.**

Liberia makes an explicit commitment to accept high seas boarding and inspections in accordance with SPRFMO's procedures on High Seas Boarding and Inspection, once those procedures are implemented.

Liberia recognizes, as does SPRFMO, that efficient monitoring of fishing and or reefer vessels in the SPRFMO Convention Area relies upon a number of Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) activities to be undertaken by non-Members and Members alike.

## **ATTACHMENT 4**

### **Full Data on Liberia's Historical Fisheries in the Convention Area, Including Nominal Catches, Number/Type of Vessels, Name of Fishing Vessels, Fishing Effort and Fishing Areas.**

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.

## **ATTACHMENT 5**

**All the Data and Information Members of the Commission are Required to Submit, in Accordance with the Standards Adopted by the Commission.**

At SPRFMO's request, Liberia will compile the necessary information and submit to the Commission without delay.

## **ATTACHMENT 6**

### **Any Further Relevant Information as Determined by the Commission.**

Liberia would be pleased to submit any other relevant information as soon practicable and when the Commission determines what the relevant information may be.