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Approval of Liberia's application to obtain the official status of a FiTI Implementing Country

Dear Mr Wehye,

On 31 July 2026, I was delighted to receive Liberia's implementation application, demonstrating the significant steps that the national authorities in Liberia have conducted to establish an enabling environment for fisheries transparency and stakeholder collaboration, since Liberia made the official commitment to join the FiTI in May 2025.

On behalf of the FiTI International Board, I am pleased to inform you that Liberia's application was unanimously approved during the FiTI's 35th Board meeting on 13 August 2026 [Decision ID: BM-35_2026_D02]. The Board expressed its satisfaction, in particular, with the content of the application, which not only demonstrated compliance with all the steps required by the FiTI Standard (Section C), but also showed that the entire process was conducted within the agreed timelines and in a professional, participatory, and inclusive manner.

We recognise that this application is the result of the dedicated work of your personal leadership, the contribution of many colleagues at the NaFAA, particularly the Director-General, as well as Liberia's National Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG). Therefore, please convey our congratulatory message also to all those involved in the process so far.

The completion of this important milestone lays the foundations for Liberia to start benefiting from a transparent and inclusive fishing sector by demonstrating adherence to the FiTI Standard's transparency requirements.

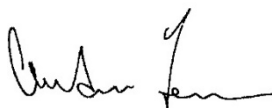
The next key step in the FiTI process is the publication of the **country's first FiTI Report**, in accordance with section D.1 of the FiTI Standard. For this, Liberia's National Multi-Stakeholder Group – in collaboration with the FiTI International Secretariat – must publish the report within one year of becoming a FiTI Implementing Country, i.e. by August 2027 (containing information relating to the 2026 calendar year).

Afterwards, subsequent FiTI Reports must be published on an annual basis, until Liberia reaches the status of *Compliance Eligibility* (in accordance with section H.1 of the FiTI Standard).

The FiTI International Secretariat will continue to support the authorities and the FiTI National Steering Group in Liberia by providing technical assistance and guidance during this new phase of implementation.

We would like to once again extend our most sincere congratulations to you, your team, the members of the National MSG and all those who have been involved in this process. The decision to join and implement the FiTI will strengthen the measures Liberia is already undertaking to improve the management of its marine fisheries resources. Furthermore, we are confident that this process will position the Liberian fisheries sector as a leader and benchmark in fisheries transparency and participatory governance.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair of the International Board, Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI)