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Mr. Rondolph Payet, Exec. Secretary  
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**RE: Liberia's Application for Cooperating Non-Contracting Party Status**

Dear Mr. Exec. Secretary, et al.:

This letter serves as Liberia's application for Cooperating Non-Contracting Party ("CNCP") status with the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission ("IOTC"). Please note that our reason for attaining CNCP status is because we have in our Liberian Registry reefer vessels that wish to participate in transshipment activities in the IOTC Convention Area. The following information comprises of the requirements for CNCP status and submitted in support of Liberia's application:

1. Where available, data on historical fisheries in the IOTC Area, including nominal catches, number/type of vessels, name of fishing vessels, fishing effort and fishing areas;
2. All the data that Contracting Parties have to submit to IOTC based on the resolutions adopted by IOTC;
3. Details on current fishing presence in the IOTC Area, number of vessels and vessel characteristics;
4. information on any research programs conducted in the IOTC Area and the information and the results of this research;
5. Commitment to respect the Commission's conservation and management measures and;
6. inform IOTC of the measures to ensure compliance by Liberian flagged vessels of IOTC's conservation and management measures;
7. Draft Marine Notice and relevant sections of the Liberian Fisheries Regulations; and
8. Spreadsheet identifying reefer vessels currently registered in Liberia.

Kindly revert with an acknowledgement and advise whether Liberia can be granted CNCP status.

Sincerely,

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In support of Liberia's application for Cooperating Non-Contracting Party ("CNCP") status with the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission ("IOTC"), Liberia makes an explicit commitment to respect the Commission's conservation and management measures. Specifically, Liberia commits to the non-harvest of fish stock in the IOTC Convention Area.

Liberia will further ensure that Liberian flagged vessels engaged in transshipment activities comply with the provisions of the IOTC Convention and conservation and management measures adopted by this Commission.

Sincerely,

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