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PRESS RELEASE

(Monrovia, Ministerial Complex, Friday, January 14, 2021): - The Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) welcomes a full and transparent audit of its activities and projects from 2019 to date.

In keeping with good public financial management, the major donor-funded projects of the MoA are regularly audited by the General Auditing Commission (GAC).

Therefore, MoA is pleased to request the GAC to immediately release to the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) and to the general public the audit reports commissioned by the Ministry covering from 2019 to 2021 for the major projects funded by Development Partners that MoA implements.

Moreover, the MoA requests the GAC to swiftly finalize and release the recent audits of the Smallholder Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization Project (STAR-P), including its USD \$5.525 million COVID Emergency Response Component (CERC).

Most importantly, the MoA invites the GAC to conduct a comprehensive audit of the Ministry's internal administrative, technical, programmatic and operational activities from 2019 to present.

The Ministry is saddened that the Senate's Standing Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries would publish a report that contains misrepresentations, fabrications, and previously refuted allegations.

The MoA questions the validity of the information presented by their sources and is prepared to clarify and/or disprove each point in the Committees' report, and provide documentary evidences that present a clearer picture to the Senate, our Development Partners and the general public.