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PRESS RELEASE

(Monrovia, Ministerial Complex, Tuesday, January 11, 2022): - The Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) is in formal receipt of a letter from the Liberia Anti- Corruption Commission (LACC) dated December 29, 2021, under the signature of its Executive Chairperson informing the MoA that it will be ***“conducting an Institutional Corruption Risks Assessment on all of its accompanying activities and projects”***.

The letter further indicated that ***“The Education and Prevention Division of the LACC will start the engagement process with your office in the soonest time possible leading to the commencement of the risk assessment exercise”***.

The MoA welcomes this exercise and looks forward to closely working and cooperating with the LACC to ensure that the assessment is transparently conducted and recommended outcomes are implemented in keeping with Public Financial Management Laws of Liberia.

The social media posts – as from January 10, 2022 – allegedly coming from the LACC of plans to place the entire MoA leadership under investigation have not been officially or formally communicated.

Nevertheless, in the spirit of good public sector governance, and should such an investigation be ordered, the MoA pledges its readiness to collaborate fully and as outlined by law.

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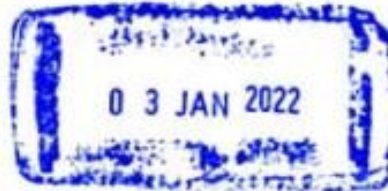
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December 29, 2021

Hon. Jeanine Milly Cooper
Minister
Ministry of Agriculture
Ministerial Complex
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Monrovia, Liberia



Dear Minister Cooper:

I am pleased to present compliments from the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) and wish to inform you that the LACC is conducting an institutional corruption risk assessment in the Ministry of Agriculture and all its accompanying activities and projects.

The institutional Corruption Risk Assessment is a corruption prevention tool used anti-graft institutions around the world including the LACC to test a given institution's vulnerability to corruption and whether that institution can stand the stress in case individuals or groups want to corrupt the system.

The Anti-Corruption Commission will assess all the processes at the Ministry of Agriculture and examine whether sufficient controls are in place to reduce incidents of corruption in the country's agro sector.

The decision to conduct the institutional risk assessment of your Ministry is in full agreement with Part V of the act establishing the Commission which mandates the LACC to ensure that all government activities are free of corruption both from the onset and at the end.

The Education and Prevention Division of the LACC will start the engagement process with your office in the soonest time possible leading to the commencement of the risk assessment exercise.

Thanks for partnering in the fight against corruption.

Sincerely,


Edwin Rla Martin

Executive Chairperson