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The Secretary-General
OECD
2 Rue Andre Pascal
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France

Dear Secretary-General:

Commitment of Liberia

I write to inform you of our intentions to address issues arising from the OECD Report, "Harmful Tax Competition: An emerging Global issue."

The Government of Liberia hereby commits itself to the elimination of tax practices that have been determined by the Forum on Harmful Tax Practices to be harmful in accordance with the OECD Report. Liberia undertakes to implement such measures through the introduction of Legislature enactments and modern tax policies, which may be necessary to fulfill this commitment.

As you may be aware, the Government has in collaboration with its partners, introduced a Governance and Economic Management Assistance Program (GEMAP), which details transparency, accountability, and policies geared towards efficient public sector management. We further commit to the program of transparency and effective exchange of information in tax matters and the elimination of any aspects of the regimes for financial and other services that attract businesses with no substantial domestic activities and benefits. Details of these steps and a specific timetable will be agreed with the Forum. In the meantime Liberia confirms that it stands ready to enter into tax information exchange agreements that will provide for effective exchange of information in criminal and civil tax matters pursuant to specific requests in accordance with the principles reflected in the 2002 Model Agreement on Exchange of Information in Tax Matters. Liberia recognizes that for effective exchange of information to take place, its authorities must have access to bank information as well as accounting and ownership information in respect of companies, partnerships, trusts and other entities to the extent necessary to perform its obligations under a tax information exchange agreement.

We further commit to refrain from:

1. Introducing any new regime that would constitute a harmful tax Practice under the OECD Reports;
2. For any existing regime related to financial and other services that currently does not constitute a harmful tax practice under the OECD Report , modifying the regime in such a way that after the modifications, it would constitute a harmful tax practice under the OECD Report; and
3. Strengthening or extending the scope of any existing measure that currently constitutes a harmful tax practice under the OECD Report.

We intend to release this letter of commitment to the public and would also welcome the OECD's release of the letter and Liberia's removal from the OECD's list of Unco-operative Tax Havens.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



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