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REGULAR LEITI MULTI-STAKEHOLDERS STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE LEITI, OLD BUDGET BUREAU BUILDING REDEMPTION ROAD, MONROVIA, LIBERIA Monday, JULY 4, 2022

Present in Attendance were:

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| 1. C. Mike Doryen | FDA |
| 2. Edrick Noah | MOJ |
| 3. Carlton Miller | MME |
| 6. B. Al Dennis | LRA |
| 7. T. Ojuku Nyenpan | MFDP |

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| 1. Fallah B. Kamara | MCSCL |
| 2. Cecelia Danuweli | PWYP |
| 3. Winston Wreh | LLC |

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| 1. Evis Morris | GVL |
| 2. Ekema Witherspoon- | Lib TAB |

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| 1. Samuel Summerville | GIZ |
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1. Jeffery N. Yates/HoS
2. McDonald S. Kerl Sr.-Technical Officer
3. Cedrick Kpadeh-Communications

Preliminaries: The call meeting of the LEITI Multi-stakeholders Steering Group (MSG) was held on Monday, July 4, 2022 in the LEITI Conference Room. Commencing at 12:35pm, the meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the MSG, C. Mike Doryen of the Forestry Development Authority, flanked by Deputy Minister Carlton Miller of the MME who is Co-chair of the MSG. The July 4, 2022 meeting had one purpose-to launch and publish the 13th EITI Report for Liberia. As such the Chair mandated the HOS to read out the agenda

1. **Reading and Adoption of the Agenda:** - The HOS, Jeffrey Yates to read a five- item agenda with the focus on the launch and publication of the report. After his reading of the agenda, a motion made by Ekema Witherspoon was immediately seconded for the agenda to be adopted as read.
2. **Opening prayer:** Silent prayer was observed for religious tolerance.
3. **Welcome Remark:** Asked by the Chairman, the Co-chair, Mr. Carlton Miller welcomed his colleagues thanking all for the various roles played to getting Liberia where it is with

the implementation of the EITI process, especially with the production of the 13th EITI Report for Liberia, admonishing them to continue the good works.

4. **Self-introduction**: Self-introduction was observed across the table

5. **Presentation of 13th Report**- Presenting the Report to the Chairman of the MSG for launch and publication, the Head of Secretariat of the LEITI, Jeffrey N. Yates said the MSG commissioned the production of the 13th report in May 2022 with procurement processes scrutinized with Baker Tilly and SRG Consulting hired through a competitive process, to produce the report. He furthered that with the continuous cooperation of the Body, the Secretariat was pleased to present the 13th EITI report for publication five days after the MSG had reviewed the draft. He promised that before the end of the month of July, the 14th report would have been finished and ready for publication. Receiving the copy of the report, the Chair thanked the HOS and his staff for the time and energy put into the exercise and put it on the floor for approval and or rejection where necessary. At this point, silent fell across the floor.

Following a period of silence, the Chair noted that the silence of the Body meant everyone had read the report and had no objection to its approval and therefore sought a motion for such. Mr. Ekema Witherspoon of the Liberia Timber Association, motioned that the report be received, approved and authorized for dissemination across the Country. His motion was immediately seconded by Madam Cecelia Danuweli of the PWYP Coalition.

With that, the Chairman invited the Liberian Media to read out a statement on the findings of the report. The meeting was immediately adjourned after the reading of a very brief statement, at 1:05 PM

See annex for chairman's statement.