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## **LEITI MSG RESOLUTION ON THE ENDORSEMENT OF OPEN DATA POLICY**

### **Background**

In collaboration with civil society and the private sector, the Government of Liberia established the Liberia Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (LEITI) in 2007. In 2009, the LEITI evolved as a multi-stakeholder autonomous agency through legislative enactment to pursue the below general objectives:

To ensure that all benefits due the Government and people of Liberia on account of the exploration/ exploitation of mineral and other resources of Liberia are: 1) verifiably paid or provided, b) are duly accounted for, and 3) are prudently utilized for the benefit of all Liberians and based on equity and sustainability. In defining the scope of the LEITI, the MSG has designated four sectors, namely, the oil, mining, agriculture, and forestry sectors, for EITI implementation.

**Whereas** the Liberia Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (LEITI) is yet to develop an Open Data Policy under Requirement 7.2 of EITI 2019 Standard, which encourages implementing countries to ensure that EITI disclosures are made publicly available and accessible;

**Whereas** LEITI MSG acknowledges the significance of such policy in the implementation of the EITI process in Liberia;

**Whereas** the Government of Liberia, through the Liberia Institute for Statistics and Geo-Information Services (LISGIS) in 2011 developed a National Data Sharing and Exchange Policy ([http://www.undp.org/content/dam/liberia/docs/docs/Data\\_Sharing\\_Policy.pdf](http://www.undp.org/content/dam/liberia/docs/docs/Data_Sharing_Policy.pdf)) as well as the 4<sup>th</sup> Open Government Partnership National Action Plan 2020 to 2022 (<https://www.opengovpartnership.org/members/liberia/commitments/LR0041/>) focusing on open and inclusive Government;

**Whereas** these two instruments cut across all sectors of public functionalities, including ministries and agencies of which LEITI forms part;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the current members of the LEITI MSG sitting in Monrovia on this 25<sup>th</sup> day November 2021, at this moment **unanimously resolved** to endorse and adopt the use of