Honorable Samuel D. Tweah Jr.
Minister
Ministry of Finance and Development Planning
Monrovia, Liberia

Re: Republic of Liberia: Liberia Land Administration Project
Amendment to the Financing Agreement (Grant No. D237-LR)

Honorable Minister:

We refer to the Financing Agreement ("Agreement"), dated October 27, 2017, between the Republic of Liberia ("Recipient") and the International Development Association ("Association") for the above-mentioned Project. We also refer to your letter dated August 28, 2019, requesting specific modifications to the Agreement.

Please note that the capitalized terms used in this letter ("Amendment Letter") and not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Agreement.

We are pleased to inform you that the Association proposes to amend the Agreement in respect of the provisions below:

1. Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"Part 2: Piloting of systematic registration of customary land

Piloting the implementation of Articles of the Recipient’s Land Rights Act related to gender sensitive registration of customary land by: (a) developing a field manual to carry out activities required to conduct systematic registration of customary land rights; (b) testing different approaches and methods for the registration of customary land to inform an upscaling strategy to effectively address the challenges of systematic registration of customary land rights."

2. A new paragraph 4 is hereby added to Section 1.A of Schedule 2 to the Agreement to read as follows:

"4. Project Steering Committee

(a) The Recipient shall, not later than May 29, 2020, establish through the LLA and thereafter maintain, throughout the implementation of the Project, a committee with composition and terms of reference satisfactory to the Association and with adequate
resources to carry out its responsibilities under the Project ("Project Steering Committee").

(b) Without limitation upon the generality of the provisions of paragraph (a) above, the Project Steering Committee shall provide strategic guidance and oversight on collaboration, coordination and synergies between and amongst the LLA and other projects/interventions in the land sector in the Recipient’s territory. To this end, the Project Steering Committee, co-chaired by the Recipient’s minister in charge of finance and development planning, and a representative of the LLA, shall comprise, inter alia, representatives of: (i) the Recipient’s ministries in charge of internal affairs, justice, mines and energy, commerce, gender, children and social protection, and agriculture; (ii) the environmental protection agency; (iii) the forestry development authority; (iv) the national bureau of concessions; and (v) the Liberia revenue authority.

3. A new paragraph is hereby added to Section IV of Schedule 2 to the Agreement to read as follows and the existing paragraph is hereby numbered as paragraph 1:

"2. The Recipient shall ensure that prior to the carrying out of any field work related to the registration of customary land under the Project, the relevant Safeguards Documents related to said field work are prepared and furnished to the Association for its review and approval."

4. Paragraph 6 of the Definitions Section of the Appendix to the Agreement is hereby amended to read as follows:

"18. "Safeguards Documents" means the ESIA, ESMF and ESMP and any Supplemental Social and Environmental Safeguards Documents."

5. The following new paragraphs are hereby added and placed in alphabetical order in the Definitions Section of the Appendix to the Agreement to read as follows and the existing paragraphs are renumbered accordingly in alphabetical order:

""GRM" means the new Grievance Redress Mechanism to be developed by the Recipient for the purpose of Project implementation."

""SEP" means the Stakeholder Engagement Plan to be developed by the Recipient for the purpose of Project implementation.

""Supplemental Social and Environmental Safeguards Documents" means any SEP or GRM required under the implementation of the Project."

Please confirm your agreement with the foregoing amendments by signing and dating this Amendment Letter in the spaces provided below. All other provisions of the Agreement, except as herein amended, shall remain in full force and effect.
This Amendment Letter shall be executed in two counterparts, each of which shall be an original and shall become effective upon receipt by the Association of one countersigned original of this Amendment Letter.

Sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

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