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Your Excellency,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ellen Sirleaf', is written over the typed name 'Your Excellency,'.

1. I am delighted to write to you to announce that, at its meeting on 27 September 2007, the Board of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) agreed to consider Liberia as an EITI Candidate Country. Liberia is one of 15 countries ready at this stage to move to implementation. This means that your Government has met the pre-validation criteria for the EITI process. Your country now has 2 years to become fully compliant.

2. The steps required to become a fully EITI Compliant Country are set forth in the EITI Validation Guide (www.eitransparency.org): your country needs to appoint a credible, independent administrator, disclose and disseminate information on all the material revenues received by the Government from the oil, gas and mining sectors, all with the full engagement of an established Multi-Stakeholder Group. The full details of the EITI validation process can found in the EITI Validation Guide which you will need to consult for further details. The instructions in this letter alone are not sufficient for full implementation.

3. Once you consider that your country is a Compliant Country, your Multi-Stakeholder Group needs to appoint an EITI approved Validator. I attach a list of the approved Validators. The EITI Board and the Secretariat, as well as other supporters including the World Bank, remain at your disposal to assist the process.

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Yours sincerely,

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