

**THE AGREEMENT ON FISHERIES AND
AQUACULTURE COOPERATION**

**BETWEEN
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
LIBERIA**

January 2019

Preamble

The Government of the Republic of Senegal

And

The Government of the Republic of Liberia

Hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"

- **Considering** the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;
- **Conscious** of their common interest in the sustainable management of the living marine resources and the protection of the marine environment;
- **Convinced** of the need to develop and strengthen their cooperation in the fields of fishery, aquaculture, marketing of fish and fish products and the fight against IUU fishing;
- **Desiring** to develop a mutually beneficial cooperation and to strengthen the links of friendship and solidarity which unite the two States;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1.- The purpose of this Agreement is to strengthen relations in fisheries and aquaculture between the Government of the Republic of Senegal and the Government of the Republic of Liberia.

Article 2.- The Parties shall promote cooperation in all areas related to fisheries and aquaculture, including aspects relating to:

- a) exploitation and management of living marine resources;
- b) valuation and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products;
- c) fisheries research;
- d) conservation of the marine and coastal environment;
- e) training and capacity building of human resources;
- f) fisheries monitoring and safety at sea for artisanal fisheries;
- g) development of aquaculture;
- h) fishery and aquaculture products safety;
- i) development of partnership between economic operators in the private sector;
- j) Fisheries communities empowerment and development;
- k) Fisheries and aquaculture information sharing

Article 3.- The Government of Liberia shall, within the limits of available resources and in accordance with its national laws and regulations, promote the activity of

industrial and artisanal fishing vessels flying the flag of Senegal, in the waters under its jurisdiction.

Prior authorization shall be granted by the Government of Liberia, under conditions to be laid down in the Protocol of this Agreement.

Article 4.- Vessels authorized to fish under this Agreement must fly the Senegalese flag and belong to Senegal nationality or to a company governed by Senegalese law.

Article 5.- The Parties shall, communicate to each other all relevant information on vessels expected to operate in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

Article 6.- Fishing vessels, being duly authorized and having the nationality of Senegal, shall enjoy in the ports of Liberia the same treatment as the vessels of Liberia, including access to the Port and refrigeration facilities, where practical.

Article 7.- The Senegal shall transmit to Liberia catch reports of vessels authorized to fish in Liberian waters in accordance with this Agreement.

Article 8.- The Parties shall cooperate in fisheries training and safety and shall coordinate their research and monitoring programs to ensure the sustainable exploitation of their fishery resources.

Article 9.- The Parties shall encourage the development of a mutually beneficial partnership, in particular through the establishment of joint enterprises and in the processing, marketing and trading of fish and aquaculture products.

To do this, the Government of Liberia through the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority shall grant to Senegalese fishing enterprises or industries as well as investors wishing to invest in its territory, the benefit and advantages which it grants to similar National establishments in its territory.

Article 10.- In order to harmonize their respective positions, the Parties shall consult each other before any international technical conference of interest to the fisheries and aquaculture sectors, where applicable.

Article 11.- A Joint Committee shall be set up including the representatives of the Parties and their private sectors, that will be responsible for ensuring the proper implementation of the provisions of this Agreement and its Protocol.

This Committee shall meet annually in ordinary session, alternately in Senegal and Liberia, and in extraordinary session at the request of one of the Parties. The State to host the meeting of the Committee takes the initiative to convene the session.

Article 12.- In the event of a dispute concerning the interpretation or application of the provisions of this Agreement, the Joint Committee shall meet in extraordinary session at the request of one of the Parties to settle the dispute, amicably.

In case of disagreement within the Committee, the dispute shall be immediately submitted to the Authorities in charge of fisheries and aquaculture of the two States, who shall take the appropriate measures.

Article 13.- This Agreement shall be for a period of Five (5) years from its date of signature and maybe renew for the same period.

It may be amended, on the proposal of one of the Parties, after consultations and expressed agreement of the other Party. Amendments reached by mutual agreement, following the modification will be annex as an addendum to the Agreement.

The Agreement may be denounced by one of the Parties at any time through the diplomatic channel. The termination shall take effect six (6) months after the notification to the other party.

Article 14.- This Agreement shall apply from the date of signature and shall enter into force after notification by the Parties of the completion of the formalities of each State.

This Agreement is signed in duplicate, in the English and French languages, both versions being equally authentic.

Done at:, on.....2019

For the Government of the
Republic of Sénégal

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