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Dear Miss Wong,

United Nations Sanctions (Liberia) Regulation 2014 (L.N. 29 of 2014)

I refer to your letter of 29 April 2014 on the captioned subject.

2. As explained in our letter of 25 April 2014, the United Nations Multilingual Terminology Database (<http://unterm.un.org/>) refers to Liberia as "Liberia" (Short name) and "the Republic of Liberia" (Formal name). Both names were valid as of the date of commencement of the captioned Regulation (i.e. 21 March 2014), and remain valid official names of Liberia.

3. On the name of a country to be adopted in the provision in local legislation, consideration would generally be given to the international convention or treaty that gives rise to that local legislation. In the case of the captioned Regulation, we notice that since the United Nations Security Council ("UNSC") first imposed sanctions against Liberia in 2001, the relevant resolutions adopted by the UNSC have been referring to the country as "Liberia". The adoption of the reference to "Liberia" in the captioned Regulation is therefore in line with the relevant UNSC resolutions.

4. The same approach has been adopted in the making of many other United Nations Sanctions Regulations, such as the United Nations Sanctions (Lebanon) Regulation (Cap. 537AC) and the United Nations Sanctions (Sudan) Regulation 2013 (Cap. 537BF). While the formal names of the concerned countries are “the Lebanese Republic” and “the Republic of the Sudan”, the UNSC Resolutions to which the above-mentioned Regulations were made to give effect have referred to the countries as “Lebanon” and “Sudan” respectively. Accordingly, references to the countries in the two Regulations have followed the same references as in the UNSC Resolutions.

Yours sincerely,

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