Migration and Refugees

Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Liberia to Cooperate in the Examination of Protection Claims

Exchange of notes at Monrovia September 10, 2025.

Entered into Force September 10, 2025.

NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966 (80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

". . .the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.

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The Embassy, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, has the honor to propose the following Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Liberia (hereinafter referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties").

Under this Agreement, the Parties seek to ensure the dignified, safe, and timely transfer from the United States to Liberia of third-country nationals present in the United States who may seek protection against return to their home country or country of former habitual residence. The Government of the United States of America shall in its complete discretion propose to the Government of the Republic of Liberia the transfer of such third-country nationals, and the Government of the Republic of Liberia shall in its complete discretion consider accepting or declining such a proposal in whole or in part. Both Parties' actions under this Agreement shall be in accordance with their obligations under the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, done at Geneva on July 28, 1951; the Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, done at New York on January 31, 1967; the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted in New York on December 10, 1984; and any other respective international obligations, national constitutions, laws, regulations, and immigration and visa policies of the Parties, including consideration by the Government of the Republic of Liberia of requests by these third-country nationals for asylum, refugee protection, or equivalent temporary protection.

The Government of the Republic of Liberia agrees not to return any person transferred to Liberia by the Government of the United States of America to their home country or country of former habitual residence until a final decision has been made regarding any pending protection claims. The Government of the Republic of Liberia shall determine a procedure, consistent with its relevant obligations, to resolve the status of those who may abandon pending claims or fail to seek protection. The Government of the United States of America shall not transfer unaccompanied minors pursuant to this Agreement.

The Parties shall develop operating procedures to assist with the implementation of this Agreement. The operating procedures shall take into consideration the process for requesting and accepting the transfer of third-country nationals from the United States to Liberia under this Agreement. The operating procedures shall be signed by both Parties before any transfers under the Agreement may begin. In the event of a conflict of interpretation or implementation, the Parties commit to resolve such matters through dialogue or diplomatic channels.

Either Party may terminate or suspend this Agreement at any time by notifying the other Party in writing. The Parties may agree in writing to any amendments to this Agreement, and such amendments shall constitute an integral part of this Agreement, consistent with any applicable legal requirements. Nothing set forth in this Agreement shall be interpreted in such a way that commits the disbursement or allocation of funds by the Parties. The implementation of this Agreement shall be subject to the availability of funds and technical capacity of each Party.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Liberia, the Government of the United States of America has the honor to propose that this note, along with the affirmative reply from the Government of the Republic of Liberia, shall form an Agreement between the two governments, which shall enter into force upon the date of the Government of the Republic of Liberia's reply note.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to express its highest consideration to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Liberia.

Embassy of the United States of America,

Monrovia, September 4, 2025



REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
MONROVIA, LIBERIA

NOTE VERBALE

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Liberia presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America near Monrovia and has the honor to refer to Embassy note No. 2025 129 EXEC, dated September 4, 2025, which reads as follows:

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The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to express its highest consideration to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Liberia.

The Ministry confirms that the proposal contained in the Embassy's note is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Liberia. Accordingly, the Embassy's note and this note in reply shall form an agreement between the Government of the Republic of Liberia and the Government of the United States of America which shall enter into force on the date of this note.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Liberia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

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