

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

THE PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 154

SUSPENDING THE LIBERIA TELECOMMUNICATION AUTHORITY (LTA) CONTRACT WITH TELECOMMUNICATION INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE (TIA)

WHEREAS, the General Auditing Commission (GAC) conducted an audit of the Contract for Telecommunication Traffic Monitoring Services that was signed between the Liberia Telecommunication Authority (LTA) and Telecom International Alliance (TIA) and found the contract to contain irregularities that required its suspension in order to protect the Government of Liberia from suffering further losses of revenue;

WHEREAS, the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) also investigated the LTA and TIA contract, based on the GAC audit report, and found that the contract was awarded to TIA against the recommendation of the Public Procurement and Concession Commission (PPCC), thereby making the contract illegal and voidable ab initio;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the LTA passed a Board Resolution calling for the suspension of the TIA contract and for its subsequent repeal based on its review of the Concession and its processes, which finds that all necessary legal processes were bypassed and violated;

WHEREAS, it has been established that TIA was established in the State of Delaware, USA, four days after it received the bid documents for the LTA contract in Liberia, and it has also been further established that TIA was incorporated in Liberia on June 19, 2019, ten months after it had been awarded the contract with the LTA;

WHEREAS, TIA put in a bid for 35% of the revenue from the Traffic Monitoring contract, but was instead granted 49% of the revenue at the signing of the contract documents;

WHEREAS, the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC), referencing findings from the General Auditing Commission (GAC), determined in its investigative report that the LTA's management contravened Section 32 of the PPCC Act of 2010 by ignoring TIA's insufficient technical and financial qualifications, past performance history, and the PPCC's explicit caution against award of contract to TIA;



WHEREAS, the same contract was irregularly extended for an additional twenty (20) years in the absence of demonstrable value for money or justification of extended deliverables:

WHEREAS, the establishment of fraud in the procurement of the TIA contract renders the contract void for non-compliance with statutory and procedural requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph Nyuma Boakai, Sr., President of the Republic of Liberia, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia, do hereby issue this Executive Order as follows:

SECTION 1 - Immediate Suspension of the TIA Contract

That based on the recommendation of the General Auditing Commission, the recommendation of the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission, and a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Liberia Telecommunications Authority, the contract for Traffic Monitoring Services that was signed between the Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA) and Telecom International Alliance (TIA), (along with all of its amendments and transformations), is hereby suspended for fraud in the procurement of the contract as stated herein. The LTA is ordered to desist from further implementation of this contract with immediate effect. Accordingly, the Ministry of Justice is directed to pursue this matter in accordance with the Penal Code and the rule of law.

SECTION 2- Interim Procurement Measures

In view of the National Security and Financial aspects of this service being undertaken, the LTA shall coordinate with PPCC to engage the services of a qualified service provider without delay in order to minimize any disruption to Telecommunication Traffic Monitoring Services, including hardware and software installation, system integration, ongoing management, technical support, and staff training, in accordance with applicable procurement laws.

SECTION 3- Legislative Notification and Coordination

That the Executive Branch shall formally notify the Legislature of the actions herein being taken and request legislative action to de-ratify any legislation previously made in regards to the TIA/LTA contract aforementioned.



SECTION 4- Effective Date

This Executive Order shall take immediate effect and shall remain in force unless revoked, amended, or superseded by subsequent Executive action or legislative enactment.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, THIS 28 DAY OF OCTOBER A.D. 2025.

Joseph Nyuma Boakai, Sr.
PRESIDENT
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA