

RE: [External] Connections over West Africa

 Roberts, Walker
To: Stevens, William B
Cc: Williams, Hilary C; Eisner, Scott

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Wed 10/22/2025 2:11 PM

Hi Will,

Circling back with you after several months, LISCR (Elen and Adam Cohen) would be very interested in meeting with you in person. They welcome sharing background on their company and latest news including their being in London offering their support for the Trump/State Department efforts to postpone the implementation of the IMO greenhouse gas strategy.

If you are willing, possible to find 30 minutes either Novem/Dec 4th or 5th?

Thanks for considering.

Walker Roberts

From: Stevens, William B <StevensWB@state.gov>
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Let's chat on Friday. I'll send you a MS Teams invite for a short chat. Please forward along to Elen and he can join.

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Hi Will - (Thanks Scott!)

Understanding that you are busy preparing for your trip, if possible a 15 minute call on Friday between noon and 2 pm would be great. (I can send a Teams invite for whatever time you say is best for you.)

Our client is LISCR, a Virginia-based company, that runs the Liberian ship registry. They intersect regularly with other parts of State (on nonpro and interdiction issues) but have a specific matter to bring to your attention regarding an issue they are having getting US transit visas for their maritime academy graduates to obtain their seafaring licenses.

The idea would be for Elen Cohen (Co-Executive Chairman of LISCR) to explain the issue quickly and you can think over the weeks ahead on who from other bureaus should potentially participate in a meeting on the issue in August.

But if this jams you too much, we can postpone the call until you return and send a more detailed email explaining the matter in the meantime.

Your call on how you would like to handle and thanks in advance for your help.

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