

also must abide by the following conditions of the recognition:

1. UL must inform OSHA as soon as possible, in writing, of any change of ownership, facilities, or key personnel, and of any major change in its operations as a NRTL, and provide details of the change(s);

2. UL must meet all the terms of its recognition and comply with all OSHA policies pertaining to this recognition; and

3. UL must continue to meet the requirements for recognition, including all previously published conditions on UL's scope of recognition, in all areas for which it has recognition.

OSHA hereby expands the NRTL scope of recognition for UL to include one additional test site in Uiwang, Korea.

### III. Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, authorized the preparation of this notice. Accordingly, the agency is issuing this notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 657(g)(2), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 8-2020 (85 FR 58393; Sept. 18, 2020), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on December 19, 2024.

**James S. Frederick,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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## LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

### Copyright Royalty Board

[Docket No. 24-CRB-0005-CRA (2025-2029)]

#### Adjustment of Cable Statutory License Royalty Rates

**AGENCY:** Copyright Royalty Board, Library of Congress.

**ACTION:** Notice announcing commencement of proceeding with request for petitions to participate.

**SUMMARY:** The Copyright Royalty Judges (Judges) announce the commencement of a proceeding to adjust the rates for the cable statutory license described in section 111 of the Copyright Act. The Judges also announce the date by which a party who wishes to participate in the proceeding must file its Petition to Participate and pay the \$150 filing fee.

**DATES:** Petitions to Participate and the filing fee are due no later than January 27, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** The petition to participate form is available online in eCRB, the Copyright Royalty Board's online electronic filing application, at <https://app.crb.gov/>.

**Instructions:** The petition to participate process has been simplified. Interested parties file a petition to participate by filling out the petition to participate form in eCRB and paying the fee in eCRB. Do not upload a petition to participate document.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read submitted documents, go to eCRB, the Copyright Royalty Board's electronic filing and case management system, at <https://app.crb.gov/>, and search for docket number 24-CRB-0005-CRA (2025-2029).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anita Brown, CRB Program Specialist, (202) 707-7658, [crb@loc.gov](mailto:crb@loc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Section 111 of the Copyright Act grants a statutory copyright license to cable television systems for the retransmission of over-the-air television and radio broadcast stations to their subscribers. 17 U.S.C. 111(c). In exchange for the license, cable operators submit royalty payments and statements of account detailing their retransmissions semiannually to the Copyright Office. 17 U.S.C. 111(d)(1). The Copyright Office deposits the royalties into the United States Treasury for later distribution to copyright owners of the broadcast programming that the cable systems retransmit. 17 U.S.C. 111(d)(2).

A cable system calculates its royalty payments in accordance with the statutory formula described in 17 U.S.C. 111(d)(1). See 37 CFR part 387. Royalty rates are based upon a cable system's gross receipts from subscribers who receive retransmitted broadcast signals. For rate calculation purposes, cable systems are divided into three tiers based on their gross receipts (small, medium, and large). 17 U.S.C. 111(d)(1)(B) through (F). Both the applicable rates and the tiers are subject to adjustment. 17 U.S.C. 801(b)(2).

Section 804 of the Copyright Act provides that the gross receipts and royalty rates may be adjusted every five years beginning with 2005, thus making 2025 a royalty adjustment year, upon the filing of a petition to initiate a proceeding. 17 U.S.C. 804(b)(1). However, since no petition has been filed pursuant to section 804(b)(1), section 803(b)(1)(A)(i)(V) requires the Judges to publish a **Federal Register** notice no later than January 5, 2025, commencing this proceeding.

No person with a significant interest has filed a petition to initiate a proceeding in 2024.<sup>1</sup> The Judges must, therefore, publish notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the commencement of a proceeding and calling for Petitions to Participate. See 17 U.S.C. 803(b)(1).

#### Petitions to Participate

Parties filing Petitions to Participate should use the interactive form in eCRB, instead of uploading a document, and must comply with the requirements of § 351.1(b) of the Copyright Royalty Board's regulations.

Dated: December 19, 2024.

**David P. Shaw,**

*Chief Copyright Royalty Judge.*

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## MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

[MCC FR 24-12]

### Report on the Selection of Eligible Countries for Fiscal Year 2025

**AGENCY:** Millennium Challenge Corporation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This report is provided in accordance with the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, as amended. The report is set forth in full below.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Report on the Selection of Eligible Countries for Fiscal Year 2025.

#### Summary

This report is provided in accordance with section 608(d)(1) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, as amended (the Act) (22 U.S.C. 7707(d)(1)).

The Act authorizes the provision of assistance under section 605 of the Act (22 U.S.C. 7704) to countries that enter into compacts with the United States to support policies and programs that advance the progress of such countries in achieving lasting poverty reduction through economic growth and are in furtherance of the Act. The Act requires the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) to determine the countries that will be eligible to receive assistance for the fiscal year, based on their demonstrated commitment to just and democratic governance, economic freedom, and investing in their people,

<sup>1</sup> With respect to the rates for the 2020-2024 period, the Judges adopted a settlement proposed by the participants to leave the then-current rates unchanged. 86 FR 72845, 72846 (Dec. 23, 2021).

as well as on the opportunity to reduce poverty through economic growth in the country. The Act also requires the submission of reports to appropriate congressional committees and the publication of notices in the **Federal Register** that identify, among other things:

1. The countries that are “candidate countries” for assistance for fiscal year (FY) 2025 based on their per-capita income levels and their eligibility to receive assistance under U.S. law, and countries that would be candidate countries, but for specified legal prohibitions on assistance (section 608(a) of the Act (22 U.S.C. 7707(a)));

2. The criteria and methodology that the Board of Directors of MCC (the Board) used to measure and evaluate the policy performance of the “candidate countries” consistent with the requirements of section 607 of the Act in order to determine “eligible countries” from among the “candidate countries” (section 608(b) of the Act (22 U.S.C. 7707(b))); and

3. The list of countries determined by the Board to be “eligible countries” for FY 2025, with justification for eligibility determination and selection for compact negotiation, including with which of the eligible countries the Board will seek to enter into compacts (section 608(d) of the Act (22 U.S.C. 7707(d))).

This is the third of the above-described reports by MCC for FY 2025. It identifies countries determined by the Board to be eligible under section 607 of the Act (22 U.S.C. 7706) for FY 2025 with which MCC seeks to enter into compacts under section 609 of the Act (22 U.S.C. 7708), as well as the justification for such decisions. The report also identifies countries selected by the Board to receive assistance under MCC’s threshold program pursuant to section 616 of the Act (22 U.S.C. 7715).

Following the passage of the MCC Candidate Country Reform Act, as part of the National Defense Authorization Act on December 18, 2024, MCC’s Board of Directors is considering additional countries for MCC assistance for FY 2025. Should the Board select another eligible country, MCC will submit a report notifying Congress of such selection(s).

### Eligible Countries

The Board met on December 18, 2024, to select those eligible countries with which the United States, through MCC, will seek to enter into a Millennium Challenge Compact pursuant to section 607 of the Act (22 U.S.C. 7706). The Board selected the following eligible country for such assistance for FY 2025: Liberia. Liberia is invited by MCC to

develop a compact. The Board also selected the following previously selected countries for compact assistance for FY 2025: Cabo Verde, Senegal, and The Gambia. The Board did not vote on the selection of Togo, a country previously selected for compact assistance.

### Criteria

In accordance with the Act and with the “Selection Criteria and Methodology Report for Fiscal Year 2025” formally submitted to Congress on September 20, 2024, selection was based primarily on a country’s overall performance in three broad policy categories: *Ruling Justly*, *Encouraging Economic Freedom*, and *Investing in People*. The Board relied, to the fullest extent possible, upon transparent and independent indicators to assess countries’ policy performance and demonstrated commitment in these three broad policy areas. The Board compared countries’ performance on the indicators relative to their income-level peers, evaluating them in comparison to either the group of countries with a GNI per capita equal to or less than \$2,165, or the group with a GNI per capita between \$2,166 and \$4,515.

The criteria and methodology used to assess countries, including the methodology for the annual scorecards, are outlined in the “Selection Criteria and Methodology Report for Fiscal Year 2025”<sup>1</sup>. Scorecards reflecting each country’s performance on the indicators are available on MCC’s website at <https://www.mcc.gov/who-we-select/scorecards>.

The Board also considered whether any adjustments should be made for data gaps, data lags, or recent events since the indicators were published, as well as strengths or weaknesses in particular indicators. Where appropriate, the Board considered additional quantitative and qualitative information, such as evidence of a country’s commitment to fighting corruption, investments in human development outcomes, or poverty rates. MCC has a Guide to Supplemental Information<sup>2</sup> available on its website to increase transparency about the type of supplemental information the Board uses to assess a country’s policy performance. In keeping with statutory requirements, the Board also considered the opportunity to reduce poverty and promote economic growth in a country,

<sup>1</sup> Available at <https://www.mcc.gov/resources/doc/report-selection-criteria-methodology-fy25>.

<sup>2</sup> Available at <https://www.mcc.gov/resources/doc/guide-to-supplemental-information>.

as well as the availability of appropriated funds.

The Board sees the selection decision as an annual opportunity to determine where MCC funds can be most effectively used to support poverty reduction through economic growth in well-governed countries with demonstrated development need. The Board carefully considers the appropriate nature of each country partnership—on a case-by-case basis—based on factors related to poverty reduction through economic growth, the sustainability of MCC’s investments, and the country’s ability to attract and leverage public and private resources in support of development.

This was the seventh year the Board considered the eligibility of countries for concurrent compacts, as permitted under section 609(k) of the Act. In addition to the considerations for compact eligibility detailed above, the Board considered whether a country being considered for a concurrent compact is making considerable and demonstrable progress in implementing the terms of its existing compact.

This was the sixteenth year the Board considered the eligibility of countries for subsequent compacts, as permitted under section 609(l) of the Act. MCC’s engagement with partner countries is not open-ended, and the Board is deliberate when selecting countries for follow-on partnerships, particularly regarding the higher bar applicable to subsequent compact countries. The Board considered—in addition to the criteria outlined above—a country’s performance implementing its prior compact, including the nature of the country’s partnership with MCC, the degree to which the country has demonstrated a commitment and capacity to achieve program results, and the degree to which the country implemented the compact in accordance with MCC’s core policies and standards. To the greatest extent possible, these factors are assessed using pre-existing monitoring and evaluation targets and regular quarterly reporting. This information is supplemented with direct surveys and consultation with MCC staff responsible for compact implementation, monitoring, and evaluation. MCC has a Guide to the Program Surveys<sup>3</sup> available on its website regarding the information collected and assessed for any country with an existing or prior compact or threshold program to ensure transparency about the type of information the Board considers

<sup>3</sup> Available at <https://www.mcc.gov/resources/doc/guide-to-the-program-surveys/>.

regarding a country's performance on MCC programs, as relevant. The Board also considered a country's commitment to further sector reform, as well as evidence of improved scorecard policy performance.

#### *Countries Newly Selected for Compact Assistance*

Using the criteria described above, one candidate country under section 606(a) of the Act (22 U.S.C. 7705(a)) was newly selected as eligible for assistance under section 607 of the Act (22 U.S.C. 7706): *Liberia*. Liberia is invited by MCC to develop a compact.

*Liberia*: A prior compact partner, Liberia passes the scorecard for the third consecutive year in FY 2025. One of the world's poorest countries, Liberia is a politically stable democracy that has seen two decades of peace since the second civil war ended in 2003. General elections held in late 2023 were free, fair, competitive, and peaceful, and the new government has committed to prioritize reforms to boost the economy, advance national reconciliation efforts, and strengthen the fight against corruption. MCC's Board selected Liberia as eligible to develop a subsequent compact in recognition of the progress the country has made to strengthen its scorecard performance and pursue economic and democratic governance reforms. The selection provides MCC the opportunity to develop a program that could significantly impact the lives of the Liberian people through a committed and engaged former MCC partner.

#### *Countries Selected To Continue Compact Development*

Three of the countries selected as eligible for compact assistance for FY 2025 were previously selected for FY 2024. *Cabo Verde* (regional), *Senegal* (regional), and *The Gambia* were selected to continue developing compacts. Selection of these countries for FY 2025 was based on an assessment of their policy performance since their prior selection and their progress in developing programs with MCC. The Board deferred a vote on the selection of *Togo* to continue developing a compact to provide the Government of Togo additional time to strengthen the protection of democratic rights and fundamental freedoms as it implements its new constitution and transitions to a new system of government next year. In making its decision to defer a vote, the Board discussed the importance of the Government of Togo taking meaningful action to address MCC's concerns regarding the country's constitutional change process and restrictions on

fundamental freedoms. The Board may revisit its decision over the course of 2025 as more information becomes available.

#### *Country Selected To Receive Threshold Program Assistance*

The Board did not newly select any countries to receive threshold program assistance for FY 2025.

#### *Countries Selected To Continue Developing Threshold Programs*

The Board selected *Philippines* and *Tanzania* to continue developing threshold programs.

Selection of Philippines for FY 2025 was based on its commitment to strengthening its policy performance, protections for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and anti-corruption efforts since its prior selection and its progress developing its threshold program.

Selection of Tanzania for FY 2025 recognized the progress that has been made in developing a threshold program. However, in making the selection the Board expressed concern that the November 27 local elections were a missed opportunity to open political space and advance democratic reforms. The Board also noted with concern reports of disappearances, political violence, and restrictions on peaceful assembly and press freedoms and urges the Government of Tanzania to protect democratic freedoms as the country prepares for national elections in 2025.

#### *Ongoing Review of Partner Countries' Policy Performance*

The Board emphasized the need for all partner countries to maintain or improve their policy performance. If it is determined during program implementation that a country has demonstrated a significant policy reversal, MCC can hold it accountable by applying MCC's Suspension and Termination Policy.<sup>4</sup>

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 7707(d)(2))

Dated: December 19, 2024.

**Peter E. Jaffe,**

*Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary.*

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<sup>4</sup> Available at <https://www.mcc.gov/who-we-select/suspension-or-termination>.

## **NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION**

### **Renewal of Agency Information Collection of a Previously Approved Collection; Request for Comments**

**AGENCY:** National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

**ACTION:** Notice of submission to the Office of Management and Budget.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, The National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) is submitting the following extensions and revisions of currently approved collections to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewal.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before January 27, 2025 to be assured consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Copies of the submission may be obtained by contacting Madeleine Humm at (703) 518-6547, emailing [PRAComments@ncua.gov](mailto:PRAComments@ncua.gov), or viewing the entire information collection request at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Number:* 3133-0169.

*Title:* Purchase of Assets and Assumptions of Liabilities, 12 CFR 741.8.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* In accordance with § 741.8, federally insured credit unions (FICUs) must request approval from the NCUA prior to purchasing assets or assuming liabilities of a privately insured credit union, other financial institution, or their successor interest. A FICU seeking approval must submit a letter to the appropriate Regional Director stating the nature of the transaction, and include copies of relevant transaction documents. Relevant transactions documents may include, but are not limited to: the credit union's financial statements, strategic plan, and budget, inventory of the assets and liabilities to be transferred, and any relevant contracts or agreements regarding the transfer. NCUA will use the information to determine the safety and soundness of the transaction and risk to the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (NCUSIF).