**// IIC Press Release//**

The Roberts International Airport has agreed to give out all information requested for by the Action for Genuine Democratic Alternative – AGENDA under the Freedom of Information Law of Liberia.

The Roberts International Airport (RIA), through its legal counsel Cllr Abraham Sillah of the Heritage Partners and Associates, agreed to make available the requested documents during a hearing conducted on Thursday, November 14, 2013 by the Independent Information Commission (IIC).

The AGENDA filed a complaint before the Independent Information Commission against the RIA for its refusal to respond to a request for Information.

 According to AGENDA, consistent with Section 3.2 of the Liberia Freedom of Information Act, a request was made to the RIA for copies of the annual financial statements, Board meeting minutes on dividends declaration, amount in dividends payments that have been made to the Government of Liberia, copies of reports on borrowing (debt financing) and debt servicing and RIA approved Budget from 2008 – 2012/13.

During his presentation at the IIC hearing, Cllr. Sillah apologized for his client’s delay in providing the requested information, noting that it may have been due to changes in administration. He however said that all the requested information is now available.

 Cllr Sillah thanked the commission for its intervention in line with the FOI Act.

The Information Commissioner, Cllr. Mark Bedor-Wla Freeman thanked the RIA for helping to implement the FOI Act and called on other entities to emulate the example of the RIA.

At the hearing, the complainant, AGENDA, was not in attendance and offered no legal excuse for its failure to appear. So the Information Commissioner suspended the hearing for one week to allow the RIA to serve AGENDA with the requested documents.

Meanwhile, the next hearing in the case is Friday, November 22, 2013.