



November 26, 2014

Ms. Jennifer Minuti
Secretariat Officer
Parliamentary Secretariat For Planning and
Simplification of Administrative Processes
Government of Malta

Dear Ms. Jennifer Minuti,

We welcome Malta's participation in the Open Government Partnership, which now has 65 countries working to implement national commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability, and engagement of citizens in policy making.

As you are aware, the OGP Articles of Governance state that all participating countries are expected to: *Make concrete commitments, as part of a country action plan, that are ambitious and go beyond a country's current practice.* All OGP participating governments are expected to develop national action plans that specify concrete commitments over a two-year period. Countries more than four months late in submitting their National Action Plan (NAP) will be considered acting contrary to the OGP process for that action plan cycle. The Government of Malta has not submitted its second NAP as of November 1, 2014, four months after the deadline of July 1, 2014.

As you know, a letter from the Support Unit was also sent on April 30, 2014 to notify you that the IRM did not issue a progress report on Malta due to inactivity during Malta's first action plan cycle. A copy of that letter is enclosed.

This letter is to inform you that, based on OGP policies, the Government of Malta has acted contrary to the OGP process for two consecutive action plan cycles. As such, the Support Unit is obliged to refer the Government of Malta to the Criteria and Standards Subcommittee, which will review Malta's participation in OGP at their next meeting. We encourage the Government of Malta to respond quickly with an update on the latest developments with regards to OGP in the country, so as to inform the Criteria and Standards Subcommittee in their deliberations.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support the Government of Malta with all appropriate technical knowledge, peer exchange opportunities and guidance so that Malta can re-engage in the OGP process. To that end we hope that we will shortly receive your second National Action Plan.

Please do not hesitate to contact the OGP Support Unit if you require any assistance in the finalization of your Action Plan.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Frey", is written over a white background.

Linda Frey
Executive Director
OGP Support Unit