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Chanan Weissman
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Dear Mr. Weissman,

We welcome the Government the United State's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now comprises 79 countries and 20 local governments working to implement open government commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in policy making.

As you are aware, the OGP Articles of Governance state that all participating governments are expected to co-create an action plan outlining a concrete set of open government reforms, in line with OGP Participation and Co-Creation standards. Governments that are more than four months late in submitting their action plan will be considered to have acted contrary to OGP process for that action plan cycle.

As of 1 January 2019, the Government of the United States has not submitted its action plan, four months after the deadline of 31 August 2018. As a result, the United States has been shifted from the "even year" to the "odd year" cohort of OGP participants, and considered to have started a new action plan cycle with a deadline of 31 August 2019 to submit its action plan.

In addition, the United States has now acted contrary to OGP process for two consecutive action plan cycles. A copy of the letter notifying the previous occurrence is enclosed for your records. In line with OGP procedures, the United States will be placed under review by the OGP Criteria & Standards Subcommittee (C&S). This review process involves enhanced support by the C&S, the OGP Support Unit and the OGP Steering Committee in order to try to resolve the issues that have caused the delays in submitting the Action Plan.

We encourage the Government of the United States to provide an update on the status of the action plan co-creation process to inform the deliberations of the C&S.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you in whatever way would be useful. Please do not hesitate to contact the Support Unit if you require any assistance in the finalization of your action plan.

Yours sincerely,



Sanjay Pradhan
Chief Executive Officer
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5 December 2017

Margie Graves
Acting Federal Chief Information Officer
Office of Management and Budget Executive Office of the President
Government of The United States of America

Dear Ms. Graves,

We welcome the Government of The United States of America's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now has 74 countries and 15 subnational pioneers working to implement open government 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 that are more than four months late in submitting their National Action Plan (NAP) will be considered to have acted contrary to OGP process for that action plan cycle. As of October 31, 2017, the Government of The United States of America had not submitted its new NAP, four months after the deadline of June 30, 2017. This letter is therefore to inform you that the Government of The United States of America has acted contrary to the OGP process for this action plan development cycle.

We thank you for your letter dated October 31st, 2017 which provided an update on the development of the your NAP. We acknowledge your intention of publishing your NAP on early 2018, and recommend The United States of America publishes all future NAPs on time in order to avoid a future review by the Criteria and Standards subcommittee.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you in whatever way would be useful to co-create a new action plan. Please do not hesitate to contact the OGP Support Unit if you require any assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sanjay Pradhan".

Sanjay Pradhan
Chief Executive Officer
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