

Resolution of the OGP Steering Committee regarding the status of the Government of Montenegro's participation in OGP, June 28, 2017, Washington D.C., USA

The OGP Steering Committee welcomes and appreciates the high-level commitment of the government of Montenegro to re-engage with the Open Government Partnership, as shown by the letter from H.E. Prime Minister Duško Marković, received by the OGP co-chairs on June 22nd, 2017.

However, desiring to maintain a consistent and fair approach to enforcing OGP requirements asked of all participating countries and considering that the government of Montenegro has acted contrary to OGP process by not delivering a National Action Plan for three consecutive cycles, the OGP Steering Committee resolves that, under provisions set out in the OGP Articles of Governance, the government of Montenegro should be placed in inactive status*. The Steering Committee encourages the Government of Montenegro to follow through on its expressed commitment to conduct an extensive and inclusive co-creation process in the coming months and agrees to offer all necessary support in order to help Montenegro develop a new National Action Plan and regain full participation status upon its submission.

**For countries placed on inactive status by decision of the full Steering Committee after acting contrary to OGP process for two consecutive action plan cycles, the inactive status lasts up to a maximum of one year or until the country publishes a National Action Plan, developed with the engagement of citizens and civil society; or the country works with the Criteria and Standards subcommittee and the Support Unit to set a clear timeline to start a new action plan cycle and re-engage with civil society for producing the new National Action Plan (note, this rule derives from Steering Committee decision on inactivity agreed on April 23, 2015).*

- *While inactive, the Government of Montenegro will not be eligible to vote in Steering Committee elections, and can only attend OGP events as observers for learning purposes.*
- *While inactive, Montenegro's inactivity will be noted on the OGP website and public information materials, where appropriate (e.g., in a list of participating OGP countries).*