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Dear Open Government Partnership Co-Chairs

SOUTH AFRICA: FOURTH OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP NATIONAL ACTION PLAN

In the past year South Africa has experienced a series of changes in the government administration which have correspondingly impacted on the domestic coordination of the OGP and its programmes. Since my recent re-appointment a few months ago as South Africa's Special Envoy to the OGP, I have been engrossed with acquainting myself with the new developments within the initiative, as well as re-igniting the national processes.

In the first half of 2019 South Africa will be entering an election period which, consequently for the activities of the OGP, poses numerous challenges. The challenges include the allocation of resources and the delivery timelines, which would impact on the ability to produce a quality Fourth (4th) National Action Plan within the current financial year.

Whilst still fulfilling our obligations to the partnership, South Africa intends to accelerate its efforts of establishing a National OGP Steering Committee which will, amongst other tasks, be responsible for mainstreaming and coordinating the OGP in general, and especially the process of developing the Fourth (4th) National Action Plan.

In this respect, please accept this as South Africa's requests to submit its Fourth (4th) National Action Plan at a later date which will be communicated timeously. I believe that this postponement will afford South Africa the opportunity to undertake a comprehensive process of co-creation and inclusively engage all stakeholders in developing a Fourth (4th) National Action Plan that is representative, ambitious, and responsive.

For further information, your office may liaise with Ms Qinisile Delwa, South Africa's Point of Contact to the Open Government Partnership, on qinisile.delwa@dpsa.gov.za or alternatively +27 82 312 8572.

Yours Sincerely,



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