OFÍCIO Nº 11655/2020/GM/CGU

To
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Subject: Request an extension for the Fourth Brazilian Action Plan and the change of Brazil to biannual cycles during odd years - Open Government Partnership - OGP.

Dear Mr Sanjay Pradhan,

1. On behalf of the Brazilian government and in compliance with the resolution of the Subcommittee on Criteria and Standards of the Open Government Partnership - OGP, which provides guidelines and rules on implementation deadlines and preparation of action plans by member countries facing the fight against coronavirus, I kindly request a 12 month extension period of implementation for the 4th Brazilian Action Plan and the change of Brazil to the group of countries that develop their plans in biannual cycles during odd years.

2. Since September 2011, when the Open Government Partnership was created, Brazil has demonstrated high commitment to principles and values on which the initiative is based. Such dedication resulted in the implementation of several commitments within the scope of OGP (32 commitments in the 1st National Action Plan, 52 commitments on the 2nd Plan and 16 commitments on the 3rd Plan). At this moment, the country is executing its 4th National Action Plan, which would remain in effect until July 31st, 2020.

3. Due to the current pandemic context in Brazil, the deadlines for implementing several activities planned for the 4th National Action Plan were impacted. The impact was analyzed by the commitment coordinators, so everyone involved in the implementation of the milestones, who self-indicated their activities were affected, suggested new deadlines for completion. Taking into consideration the information provided by the commitment coordinators, in order to make it possible, in most efficient way, the continuity planning of the 4th Brazilian Action Plan, the Brazilian government, in conjunction with the Civil Society Working Group, decided to request a 12 month extension period for implementation of the 4th Brazilian Action Plan (according to the new terms indicated on the updated plan, attached).

4. Considering the current stated situation that makes co-creation events difficult and bearing in mind that it is not possible to define when the situation will be back to normal, I also would like to request the calendar schedule change to include Brazil to the group of countries that develop their plans in biannual cycles of odd years, so that the new plan will be pushed on to 2021.
5. Worthy to mention that, Brazil recently hired the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to carry out an audit of the Brazilian Open Government Policy. The 16-month study aims to provide assistance and further support Brazil's advancement on the topic. The change in the calendar schedule, will allow us to use the initial results of the evaluation and contribute to the increase in the preparation of the next Brazilian national action plan.

6. The Brazilian government, jointly with the civil society GT, believes that those changes will permit the achievement of impressive results in the implementation of the 4th Brazilian Action Plan and will guarantee the realization of a profuse, better representative process with potential to have greater impact on elaboration of the next plan. Considering above scenario, I request, according to the Partnership guidelines, certain of understanding and approval by OGP.

Attachment:
I- Fourth Brazilian Action Plan - updated calendar.

Kind regards,

WAGNER DE CAMPOS ROSÁRIO
Minister of the Office of the Comptroller General

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