

Resolution of the OGP Steering Committee regarding the status of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago's participation in OGP

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The OGP Steering Committee welcomes Trinidad and Tobago's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP) since 2013. The OGP Steering Committee further welcomes the letter dated 4 December 2018 that outlines specific steps the country will be taking to submit an OGP action plan and recognizes the continued efforts demonstrated by both the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and civil society to remain engaged in OGP.

However, considering that the government of Trinidad and Tobago has acted contrary to OGP process by not delivering an action plan for three consecutive cycles, **the OGP Steering Committee hereby resolves that, under provisions set out in the OGP Articles of Governance, the government of Trinidad and Tobago should be designated as inactive in OGP.**

This inactivity status will be immediately ended upon the submission of an OGP action plan. The Steering Committee further agrees to offer all necessary support in order to help Trinidad and Tobago to remain engaged in the Partnership.

For countries placed in inactive status by decision of the full Steering Committee after acting contrary to OGP process, the inactive status lasts up to a maximum of one year, or:

- Until the country publishes an action plan, developed in line with OGP Participation and Co- Creation Standards, 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 action plan.

If, however, a country remains in inactive status for a year without communicating to the Support Unit that it wants to continue to participate in OGP, the Criteria & Standards subcommittee will recommend that the Steering Committee instructs the Support Unit to remove such country from the list of participating countries.

In addition, the following inactivity conditions apply:

- While inactive, Trinidad and Tobago will continue to receive Steering Committee and Support Unit assistance, and the IRM will assess its future action plan.
- While inactive, Trinidad and Tobago will not be eligible to vote or run in Steering Committee elections, and may only attend OGP events as observers for learning purposes.
- While inactive, Trinidad and Tobago's inactivity will be noted on the OGP website and public information materials, where appropriate (e.g., in a list of participating OGP countries).
- Any country, whether in active or inactive status, may at any time decide itself to withdraw from OGP.

