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The Honorable Suzana Pribilovic
Minister of Public Administration
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Dear Minister Pribilovic,

It was with great pleasure that we have received your letter dated 20 November 2018 informing us that the Government of Montenegro has adopted its new *National Action Plan for the Implementation of the Open Government Partnership Initiative*.

The government of Montenegro was placed in inactive status in June 2017 due to acting contrary to OGP process by not delivering an action plan for three consecutive cycles. In accordance with the terms outlined in the [letter](#) dated 28 June 2018 (attached for your reference), the government of Montenegro committed to completing a series of milestones to re-engage in the Partnership. In that letter, it was agreed that Montenegro's inactivity status would remain in effect until the successful completion, adoption and submission of its OGP action plan by 31 December 2018.

Considering the adoption of the [2018-2020 action plan](#), it is with great pleasure that we confirm that Montenegro has since been placed in active status in OGP, effective 20 November 2018.

We wish you a very successful implementation of the new OGP action plan, and we remain at your service should you require any support during this new phase.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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28 June 2018

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Dear Minister Pribilovic,

We welcome the renewed commitment from the government of Montenegro to re-engage in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now comprises 76 countries, 20 local participants, and thousands of civil society organizations working to implement open government commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability, and engagement of citizens in policy making.

We were very pleased to receive your letter dated 22 June 2018 indicating that the Ministry of Public Administration will lead the OGP process in Montenegro. Likewise, we welcome the Activity Plan shared with the Criteria and Standards (C&S) subcommittee to develop, publish, and adopt Montenegro's OGP Action Plan by 31 December 2018.

On behalf of the OGP Criteria and Standards subcommittee, we hereby agree with the proposed Activity Plan, which accurately reflects the terms discussed and agreed upon during the OGP visit to Podgorica on 12-13 June 2018:

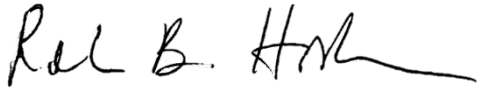
1. By 30 June 2018, publish the roadmap agreed between the government and the OGP Criteria and Standards Subcommittee on restarting Montenegro's OGP Action Plan process. The roadmap will include a timeline of key meetings for the Forum ("Operational Team"), and the process for civil society to participate in the development of the OGP Action Plan. This roadmap should be published by the government, and submitted to the C&S chairs.
2. By 31 July 2018, strengthen the OGP Operational Team by appointing the current vacancies from the government, and selecting the necessary civil society organizations to fill the current vacancies, through an open process, and in line with OGP Standards. Hold a kick off meeting with the newly re-established Operational Team.
3. By 1 September 2018, begin co-creation process for the OGP Action Plan, in line with at least the minimum requirements outlined in the OGP Participation and Co-creation Standards. Co-creation process should be held until 15 October 2018.
4. By 31 October 2018, submit a draft OGP Action Plan to the OGP Support Unit for feedback and comment.
5. By 31 December 2018, complete, adopt and submit to the Support Unit a finalized OGP Action Plan.

Montenegro's inactivity status will remain in effect until the successful completion of its OGP Action Plan by the established deadline above. Failure to deliver an OGP Action Plan by December 31, 2018 will automatically result in Montenegro ceasing to be considered an OGP country, and the terms of this proposal will no longer be valid.



We look forward to working with you in the coming months and years, and have the opportunity to engage further at the upcoming OGP Global Summit in Tbilisi, Georgia, taking place on 17-19 July 2018. The OGP Steering Committee and Support Unit stand ready to provide you with any assistance necessary during this process.

Respectfully yours,
Criteria and Standards Subcommittee Co-chairs



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