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: Indonesia's Application to 2019 OGP

Steering Committee Election

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Dear Co-Chairs of the Open Government Partnership (OGP).

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, I wish to convey our interest in presenting Indonesia's candidacy for the seat on the OGP Steering Committee for the period of October 2019 until September 2022.

Indonesia believes that OGP has been useful as an international platform that promotes open government for countries around the world. Indonesia with a current population of more than 250 million and spread out over 17,000 islands across the archipelagic state will continue to mainstream open government principles and policies in its national development plans.

The five-year national development plan (RPJMN) in Indonesia for the period 2015-2019 established a set of priority agenda in building a clean, effective, democratic and trusted governance. And it focused on three main strategies: (i) improving management system and integrated, credible and accessible government institutions performances' report; (ii) application of e-government to support government business process and modest, efficient, transparent, and integrated development; and (iii) application of Open Government to support the realization of open, participative and accountable government in public policy making and supervising on state and government implementation.

Indonesia's commitment in implementing open government policies is reflected by the formulation of Open Government Action Plan as set in its fifth cycle of 2018-2020 action plan. Furthermore, to ensure the implementation of this initiative, the government established a special team of Open Government Indonesia (OGI) which consists of government elements and civil societies. In addition to this, various activities have been organized to strengthen the open government practice in Indonesia.

The Government of Indonesia's effort in strengthening institutional capacity and empowering human resources in line with OG principles have made significant progress in reducing poverty. Enabling environment has been made possible by introduction of strategic and appropriate government policies at the national and sub-national levels.

Indonesia would continue to take active role not only in strengthening its open government policies but furthermore to promoting and building confidence in sharing best practices to devise effective strategy and restoring confidence. Principles of reliability and responsive must flourish in governments, and integrity and equality should be nurture to ensure all people are equal before the law. Openness, inclusiveness and accountability must also be encouraged to promote public participation by all relevant stakeholders.

The Government of Indonesia together with its civil society (CSOs) have implemented various programs and activities to advance transparent governance, participatory, innovative and accountable government. Digitalization programs were among priority in OG Indonesia's action plan with advancing e-planning, e-procurement, e-budgeting etc. Indonesia has also been actively implementing policies aligned with OGP countries' joint commitment, such as Beneficial Ownership and Open Contracting.

In moving ahead, Indonesia will continue to strengthen its collaboration among all stakeholders to advance open government principle and mainstreaming the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The action plans and programs by OG Indonesia could certainly be best practices and lessons learnt to achieving strategic national developments goals, including through South-South and Triangular Cooperation platform.

We look forward to strengthen the global impact of OGP, and we shall continue to provide promises to our people for social and economic welfare, security and stability. Indonesia is willing to share our experiences for our region and the world community.

Please accept the assurances of my highest esteem.

Sincerely Yours,

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