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Dear Sanjay Pradhan,

Thank you for your letter of the 15 January regarding the UK's late submission of the fourth UK National Action Plan and subsequent movement of the UK to an 'odd year' reporting cycle.

Throughout the co-creation process, my officials have been working to ensure that Open Government commitments made through the NAP process are ambitious, deliverable, and resulting from a comprehensive collaboration process, ensuring that Civil Society groups are able to fully scrutinise and play an active role in defining the scope and scale of future activities.

My officials regret missing the December deadline, however they have assured me that the delivery of commitments outlined in the unpublished plan are already underway, and that despite being moved into a new reporting cycle we will be looking to publish the final plan at the earliest opportunity and use the time afforded by the new timescales to deepen and expand upon the commitments within the current package.

We appreciate the continued assistance of the OGP, and my team at DCMS are in regular contact with the Support Unit with whom we are currently collaborating to develop strong proposals for Open Gov week here in the UK, and thematic content for the OGP Summit in Ottawa.

We look forward to continuing our work with the OGP in bringing together government leads with their Civil Society counterparts, strengthening the relationship between activists and policymakers, and developing progressive yet achievable plans with tangible outcomes that benefit communities across the wider partnership.

Yours ever

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