To whom it may concern,

I address you in my capacity as Co - Director of the Civil Association for Equality and Justice (ACIJ) in order to convey our support to the Buenos Aires City Government candidature into the Pilot Program for Subnational Governments from the Open Government Alliance.

In recent years the Buenos Aires City Government incorporated Open Government initiatives in it management, which involves an important step forward the collaboration between the civil society and the State.The open information policy promoted by the Ministry of Modernisation, through the use of new technologies, marked a new development concerning the agenda of innovation and openness of public administration. In turn, these initiatives are complementary to the actions that can be taken to promote access to information and active transparency, two important axes of the open government agenda in which ACIJ has been working intensely (for example, government advertising , purchasing and contracting, public tenders and budgetary analysis). Therefore, we anticipate in the Government entrance to OGP an opportunity to accompany reforms for improving the public governance, the government transparency and the citizen involvement in public policy cycle.

At the same time, the City Government has participated in meetings of the Working Group Open Government which ACIJ part nationally, and shared their experience and vision in the developing of the Second Argentinian Action Plan before the Alliance. Both it involvement there, as the recent Summit of Mexico, and successive meetings with journalists of data, organizations and activists, have helped to generate a regular dialogue and a fruitful exchange of ideas with ACIJ and other organizations implicated in the national developments in OGP .

In this sense, we believe that the interest shown by the Government to advance in the subject and contact with the civil society, who are leading this agenda, can be enhanced and materialized in open government innovative initiatives, transverse axes into different areas of the Government on which CSOs have specific knowledge, which can be shared internationally.

Also, in view ACIJ work in the City of Buenos Aires it focuses on human rights issues - such as education, housing, disability and health, among others- traversing the open government agenda, we are confident that the entrance of the local government to the Alliance can strengthen the coordination areas for co - creating plans and programs in key areas of public policy, designed and implemented with citizen participation.

In conclusion, from ACIJ we believe that this opportunities for collaboration in plans and initiatives with the City Government can be maximize from its entry into the Pilot Sub-national Governments of the Alliance for Open Government Program, and therefore we extend our support to its postulation and our interest in accompanying its development of a program of deep reform on open government.

Without further to add, I am at your disposal for further information it deems necessary.

Yours faithfully.