



November 17, 2015

Minister George Chabonda
Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
Government of Malawi

Dear Minister Chabonda,

We welcome the Government of Malawi's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now has 69 countries working to implement national commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability, and engagement of citizens in policy making.

As you are aware, the OGP Articles of Governance state that all participating countries are expected to: *Make concrete commitments, as part of a country action plan, that are ambitious and go beyond a country's current practice.* All OGP participating governments are expected to develop national action plans that specify concrete commitments over a two-year period. Countries more than four months late in submitting their National Action Plan (NAP) will be considered acting contrary to the OGP process for that action plan cycle. The Government of Malawi has not submitted its second NAP as of November 1, 2015, four months after the deadline of July 1, 2015.

As you know, a letter from the Support Unit was also sent on November 17, 2014 to notify you that the Government of Malawi had acted contrary to OGP process since no NAP was published before the original deadline of July 1st, 2014. A copy of that letter is enclosed for your records. .

This letter is to inform you that, based on OGP policies, the Government of Malawi has acted contrary to the OGP process for two consecutive action plan cycles. As such, the Support Unit is

obliged to refer the Government of Malawi to the Criteria and Standards subcommittee of the OGP Steering Committee, which will review Malawi's participation in OGP at their next meeting. We encourage the Government of Malawi to respond quickly with an update on the latest developments with regards to OGP in the country, so as to inform the Criteria and Standards subcommittee in their deliberations.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support the Government of Malawi with all appropriate technical knowledge, peer exchange opportunities and guidance so that Malawi can re-engage in the OGP process. To that end we hope that we will shortly receive your second National Action Plan.

Please do not hesitate to contact the OGP Support Unit if you require any assistance in the finalization of your Action Plan.

Yours sincerely,



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