



28 November 2017

Mr. Eli Groner
Director General, Prime Minister's Office
Government of Israel

Dear Director Groner,

We welcome the Government of Israel's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now has 74 countries and 15 subnational pioneers working to implement open government 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 that are more than four months late in submitting their National Action Plan (NAP) will be considered to have acted contrary to OGP process for that action plan cycle. As of October 31, 2017, the Government of Israel had not submitted its new NAP, four months after the deadline of June 30, 2017. This letter is therefore to inform you that the Government of Israel has acted contrary to the OGP process for this action plan development cycle.

We are pleased to see the progress your government has made in co-creating the action plan together with civil society, as communicated by your lead officials on this issue. We recommend that the Government of Israel publishes its new NAP before December 31, 2017, and publishes all future NAPs on time in order to avoid a future review by the Criteria and Standards subcommittee.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you in whatever way would be useful. Please do not hesitate to contact the OGP Support Unit if you require any assistance in the finalization of your action plan.

Yours sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Sanjay Pradhan, written in a cursive style.

Sanjay Pradhan
Chief Executive Officer
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