



28 November 2017

Minister Rimbink Pato
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration
Government of Papua New Guinea

Dear Minister Pato,

We welcome the Government of Papua New Guinea'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 Papua New Guinea had not submitted its new NAP, four months after the deadline of June 30, 2017. This letter is therefore to inform you that, according to OGP policies, the Government of Papua New Guinea has now acted contrary to the OGP process for two consecutive action plan cycles. A copy of the previous letter notifying the Government of Papua New Guinea of this occurrence is enclosed for your records.

In line with OGP procedures, the Support Unit will refer the Government of Papua New Guinea to the Criteria and Standards Subcommittee of the OGP Steering Committee to review Papua New Guinea's participation in OGP. We encourage the Government of Papua New Guinea to swiftly respond with an update on the latest developments regarding the OGP process and action plan development 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 Papua New Guinea so that Papua New Guinea can re-engage in the OGP process and finalize the Action Plan. Please do not hesitate to contact the OGP Support Unit if you require any assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Sanjay Pradhan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Sanjay Pradhan
Chief Executive Officer
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