



5 December 2017

Margie Graves
Acting Federal Chief Information Officer
Office of Management and Budget Executive Office of the President
Government of The United States of America

Dear Ms. Graves,

We welcome the Government of The United States of America'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 The United States of America 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 The United States of America has acted contrary to the OGP process for this action plan development cycle.

We thank you for your letter dated October 31st, 2017 which provided an update on the development of the your NAP. We acknowledge your intention of publishing your NAP on early 2018, and recommend The United States of America 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 to co-create a new 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 that reads "Sanjay Pradhan".

Sanjay Pradhan
Chief Executive Officer
Open Government Partnership