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Dear Minister Umar,

We welcome the Government of Pakistan's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now comprises 79 countries and 20 local governments working to implement open government commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in policy making.

As you are aware, the OGP Articles of Governance state that all participating governments are expected to co-create an action plan outlining a concrete set of open government reforms, in line with OGP Participation and Co-Creation standards. Governments that are more than four months late in submitting their action plan will be considered to have acted contrary to OGP process for that action plan cycle.

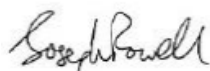
As of 1 January 2019, the Government of Pakistan has not submitted its action plan, four months after the deadline of 31 August 2018. As a result, Pakistan has been shifted from the "even year" to the "odd year" cohort of OGP participants, and considered to have started a new action plan cycle with a deadline of 31 August 2019 to submit its action plan.

In addition, Pakistan has now acted contrary to OGP process for two consecutive action plan cycles. In line with OGP procedures, Pakistan will be placed under review by the OGP Criteria & Standards Subcommittee (C&S). This review process involves enhanced support by the C&S, the OGP Support Unit and the OGP Steering Committee in order to try to resolve the issues that have caused the delays in submitting the Action Plan.

We encourage the Government of Pakistan to provide an update on the status of the action plan co-creation process to inform the deliberations of the C&S.

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 Support Unit if you require any assistance in the finalization of your action plan.

Yours sincerely,



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