Resolution of the OGP Steering Committee regarding the status of the government of Turkey in OGP, May 4th, 2016, Cape Town, South Africa

The OGP Steering Committee welcomes the high-level commitment of the government of Turkey to reengage with the Open Government Partnership, yet notes that the government of Turkey has acted contrary to OGP process for two consecutive action plan cycles. The OGP Steering Committee therefore resolves to provide the government of Turkey with an additional period of time to act upon its commitment and offers all necessary support to develop a new National Action Plan together with civil society. However, the government of Turkey will be automatically designated “inactive”* at the September Steering Committee meeting, barring satisfactory compliance of terms as outlined below.

Terms for Preventing Inactive Status:

- The government of Turkey will identify both a Ministerial lead and Point of Contact to lead the development of proposals and engagement with civil society for a National Action Plan.
- By May 31, 2016, the government of Turkey will produce a publicly available plan to produce a National Action Plan, which includes the timeline of key moments, meetings, and process, including ways for civil society to participate and co-create.
- The government of Turkey will collaborate with the OGP Support Unit to organize a visit during the drafting period, which will include a comprehensive public meeting with civil society organizations.
- The government of Turkey will follow through on its promise to complete a National Action Plan by no later than September 1, 2016.

The Criteria and Standards subcommittee requires a demonstration of completion of the above points, including summary of the consultation process in the submitted National Action Plan, in line with the OGP requirements.

*For countries placed on inactive status by decision of the full Steering Committee after acting contrary to OGP process for two consecutive action plan cycles, the inactive status lasts up to a maximum of one year or until the country publishes a National Action Plan, developed with the engagement of citizens and civil society; or the country works with the Criteria and Standards subcommittee and the Support Unit to set a clear timeline to start a new action plan cycle and re-engage with civil society for producing the new National Action Plan (note, this rule derives from Steering Committee decision on inactivity agreed on April 23, 2015).