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Dear Mr. Ophir,

We welcome the Government of Israel's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now comprises 78 countries working to implement open government commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in policy making.

Last year, the Government of Israel requested to be shifted to the even-year cohort of OGP participants due to the political transition taking place in the country. As a result, Israel has been shifted from the "odd year" to the "even year" cohort of OGP participants, and considered to have started a new action plan cycle with a deadline of 31 August 2020 to submit its action plan.

This letter is to kindly remind you that Israel has now acted contrary to OGP process for two consecutive action plan cycles. A copy of the letter notifying the previous occurrence is enclosed for your records. In line with OGP procedures, Israel 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 Israel 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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