

Resolution of the OGP Steering Committee Regarding the Status of the Government of Jamaica's Participation in OGP

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The Open Government Partnership (OGP) Steering Committee welcomes Jamaica's participation in OGP since 2016, and is pleased to have received the letter from the Minister of Finance and the Public Service, Nigel Clarke, dated 24 February 2020, indicating Jamaica's high-level commitment to develop its first OGP action plan.

The Criteria and Standards Subcommittee reviewed and approved the roadmap shared in this letter to develop, publish, and adopt Jamaica's OGP action plan by late August 2020, including important milestones such as establishing a Multi-stakeholder Working group and commencing consultations by May 2020.

However, in desiring to maintain a consistent and fair approach to enforcing OGP requirements asked of all participating countries, and considering that the government of Jamaica has acted contrary to OGP process by not delivering an OGP action plan for three consecutive cycles, the OGP Steering Committee hereby resolves that failure to deliver an action plan by 31 December 2020, will automatically result in Jamaica being designated as inactive in OGP.

Should Jamaica be designated as inactive, the following conditions would apply:

For countries placed on inactive status by decision of the OGP Steering Committee after acting contrary to the OGP process, the inactive status lasts up to a maximum of one year, or:

- Until the country publishes an action plan, developed in line with OGP Participation and Co-Creation Standards, or
- The country works with the Criteria and Standards Subcommittee and the OGP Support Unit to set a clear timeline to start a new action plan cycle and re-engage with civil society for producing the new action plan.

This inactivity status will be immediately lifted upon the submission of an OGP action plan.

If, however, a country remains on inactive status for a year without communicating to the OGP Support Unit that it wants to continue to participate in OGP, the Criteria and Standards Subcommittee will recommend that the OGP Steering Committee instructs the OGP Support Unit to remove such country from the list of participating countries.

In addition, the following inactivity conditions may apply:

- While inactive, Jamaica would continue to receive Steering Committee and Support Unit assistance, and the IRM will assess its future action plan.
- While inactive, Jamaica would not be eligible to vote or run in Steering Committee elections, and may only attend OGP events as observers for learning purposes.
- While inactive, Jamaica's inactivity would be noted on the OGP website and public information materials, where appropriate (e.g., in a list of participating OGP countries).
- Any country, whether on active or inactive status, may at any time decide itself to withdraw from OGP.

END RESOLUTION