

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

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The OGP Steering Committee welcomes Pakistan's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP) since 2016, and recognizes the efforts made to develop a draft OGP action plan in 2017. The OGP Steering Committee further acknowledges the potential delays to the OGP process caused by the political transition in 2018.

However, considering that the Government of Pakistan has acted contrary to the OGP process by not delivering an action plan for three consecutive cycles (2017, 2018, 2019), **the OGP Steering Committee, under the provisions set out in the Articles of Governance, hereby resolves to designate the Government of Pakistan as inactive in OGP.**

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. The OGP Steering Committee further agrees to offer all the necessary support in order to help Pakistan remain engaged in the Partnership.

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 apply:

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

END RESOLUTION