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Open Government Partnership (OGP) Steering Committee

The Core Group of Civil Society Organizations (NOSC for its Spanish acronyms) from the Open Government Partnership (OGP) in Mexico, is pleased to greet you and send you our most cordial regards but also express our concern about the probable disappearance of the institution in charge of guarantee access to information in our country.

Since 2011, the Core Group has actively participated in the OGP agenda with the proposal of a tripartite model of Open Government represented by Civil Society, the Executive branch of government (currently represented by the Ministry of Public Administration) and the National Institute of Access to Information and Data Protection (INAI). This model is a unique example of governance and co-creation between all the country members of the OGP.

In the 4th of January of 2021 during the morning press conference¹, the President made several comments about the importance of presenting a constitutional reform that allows the incorporation of the autonomous constitutional body in the Ministry of Public Administration turning the right and access to information into an exclusive work of the Executive branch with a fast-track transparency model. This measure is against the inter american standards and will directly affect human rights about access to information, personal data protection, as well as transparency and accountability.

As a result of these comments, the Core Group is having an analysis and deliberation process about the impact this constitutional reform would have in the Open Government Model in Mexico that has worked over the past nine years. For the Core Group, removing the INAI is not only a serious mistake in terms of transparency, personal data protection and access to information, but also it would impact in a negative way the work and collaboration inside the Open Government Partnership in Mexico and the 4th Action Plan.

We have decided that the most appropriate thing to do is wait for the Executive branch to presents its constitutional reform initiative to the Legislative branch to analyze it, and based on this, the Group would define a position.

Therefore, we consider it important to keep a close communication with the Support Unit and the Steering Committee from OGP to take actions with the support from the international community of Open Government. In the next few weeks, the organizations in charge of the coordination of the group (Mexican Institute for Competitiveness and EQUIS Justice for Women) will keep you informed about the decisions and conclusions from the Core Group.

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¹ Morning press conference, 4th January 2021: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w1kYueSdwcM>

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