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Dr. Lidio Cadet

Directorate General of Government Ethics and Integrity

Government of the Dominican Republic

Dear Director Cadet,

We welcome the Government of the Dominican Republic'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.

As you are aware, the OGP Articles of Governance state that all participating governments are expected to co-create an action plan outlining a concrete set of open government reforms, in line with OGP Participation and Co-Creation standards.

For its 2018-2020 action plan, the Government of the Dominican Republic did not meet the participation and co-creation requirements during the development of the action plan, as determined by the Independent Reporting Mechanism ("IRM"). Therefore, the Dominican Republic has acted contrary to the OGP process for this cycle. In order to avoid the possibility of future review by the Criteria and Standards Subcommittee of the OGP Steering Committee, we recommend that the Government of the Dominican Republic makes every effort to meet the minimum requirements set forth in the OGP Participation and Co-Creation standards during the development of its next action plan.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you in whatever way would be useful. The Support Unit will contact you and your team to provide additional information regarding this assessment.

Yours sincerely,

Sanjay Pradhan

Chief Executive Officer

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