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Julia Lopez MP
Parliamentary Secretary for the Cabinet Office
Government of the United Kingdom

Dear Ms Lopez,

We welcome the Government of the United Kingdom'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, all OGP 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 2019-2021 action plan, the Government of the United Kingdom did not meet the OGP minimum requirement for public influence during co-creation - "Involve" - as assessed by the Independent Reporting Mechanism ("IRM") in their report. Therefore, the United Kingdom has acted contrary to the OGP process for that cycle.

The United Kingdom has now acted contrary to the OGP process for two consecutive action plan cycles. A copy of the letter notifying the previous occurrence is enclosed for your records (late delivery of its 2018-2020 action plan). In line with OGP policy, the United Kingdom 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 help address the issues that have led to it being placed under review.

The review process can be finalized by addressing the most recent occurrence of acting contrary to process. In this case, by meeting the minimum co-creation standards in the United Kingdom 2021-2023 action plan, as assessed by the IRM in the Action Plan Review report.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you during the implementation of your current action plan and the development of your next one to make sure all requirements are met.

Yours sincerely,

Sanjay Pradhan
Chief Executive Officer

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