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TO THE OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE,

From Quintana Roo, I Carlos Joaquín González, subscribe this letter to express my government's interest in the Local 2020 Program of the Open Government Partnership, in which we have participated hand by hand with civil society organizations, in accordance with the open call for participation.

We are very excited to have been selected to the next phase towards the final evaluation, in with this, I confirm my commitment to the Open Government principles to deepen our collective learning and guide our governance.

Since 2016 we have made progress in transparency, access to information, citizen participation, accountability and anti-corruption actions. So far, the commitments and activities that have been generated within the framework of open government are proof that we want to uphold the citizen's agenda and continue to institutionalize participatory processes in public decision-making with a citizen's perspective.

The exercise that paved the way for open government in the state was the Observatory of Commitments and Public Policies. In December 2016, this first local exercise was formalized with active participation of 15 members of government agencies, 15 representatives of civil society organizations, and 4 deans of public and private universities. In this space, important achievements were reached and progress was made in regulatory frameworks to cancel hegemonic practices inherited from the past and to improve the indices of the right to transparency, access to public information, and citizen participation.

In Quintana Roo, we have come a long way with open government exercises and practices, some at the state level and others at the municipal level. The lessons learned make us recognize that we need to build an Action Plan, as an articulating element to unite all the open government actions that have emerged in the state and that are an expression of the diversity and multiculturalism that characterizes us with its 11 municipalities and their communities.



Addressing the challenges of 2020 and the coming years under a scenario of pandemic and post-pandemic with profound social and economic consequences, opens the windows of opportunity to make fundamental changes, with political will, to have a state united in solidarity with the participation of its citizens as the responsibility belongs to all.

In Quintana Roo, the Secretariat of the Comptroller's Office is the unit in charge of executing Axis 3 "Modern, reliable and close to the people government" of the State Development Plan 2016-2022, which includes strategies and a specific program to develop the State's policy on open government. The challenge for the last two years of this administration, organized civil society and academia is to institutionalize the model in the government and the Plan of Action with a robust legal framework that ensures its continuity in the next six years.

My government's commitment is to work until the last day on the open government agenda with organized civil society and academia, specifically with *Ciudadanos por la Transparencia A.C.*, *Bios Participación Política y Desarrollo A.C.*, *COPARMEX Quintana Roo*, The Committee for Citizen Participation of the State Anti-Corruption System, *Colectivo por el Impacto Social A.C.*, *Universidad del Caribe*, *Universidad de Quintana Roo*, and other universities and organizations.

The common agenda on which we are currently working contains the following policy areas:

- Fiscal transparency to promote proactive transparency, citizen participation and accountability in local exercises in education, the environment and gender.
- Accountability in the Third Government Accountability Exercise, that we must celebrate next December.
- Public participation in public decision-making for the advocacy of public policies under a citizen approach, underneath a regulatory framework that strengthens citizen participation.



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With the hope of developing, together with OGP, a Plan of Action for the next two years and sharing our experience with the members of OGP's Local Program, I thank you for your attention and send you my best regards.

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