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Dr. Conan Castro Ramírez  
Legal Secretary of the Office of the President  
Government of El Salvador

Dear Dr. Castro Ramírez,

We welcome the Government of El Salvador'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 2018-2020 action plan, the Government of El Salvador did not meet the OGP minimum requirement for public influence during implementation - "Inform" - as assessed by the Independent Reporting Mechanism ("IRM") in their [report](#). In addition, the IRM found that during this period, El Salvador failed to collect, publish and document a repository on the national OGP website/webpage in line with IRM guidance, and found no evidence of progress made in the implementation of the action plan's commitments.

El Salvador has therefore acted contrary to the OGP process for the 2018-2020 cycle. Considering that El Salvador has already been placed under Procedural Review during this cycle, no further consequences apply at this time. A copy of the letter notifying of this status is enclosed for your records.

However, please be advised that acting contrary to OGP process for a third consecutive cycle (i.e. during its 2021-2023 cycle) could result in El Salvador being designated as *Inactive* in OGP. To avoid the possibility of inactivity, we respectfully recommend that the Government of El Salvador makes every effort to submit its next action plan by December 31, 2021, and meet the minimum requirements set forth in the OGP Participation and Co-Creation standards. We further encourage El Salvador to leverage the next action plan to address the opportunities outlined in the IRM report, and to put into place reforms that help raise El Salvador's eligibility score in OGP above the minimum requirements.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you in whatever way would be useful.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer

