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Ms. Vali Bizhga
Chief of Cabinet of the Prime Minister
Government of Albania

Dear Ms. Vali Bizhga,

We welcome the Government of Albania'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 2020-2022 action plan, the Government of Albania 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, Albania has acted contrary to the OGP process for that action plan cycle.

Albania has now acted contrary to the OGP process for two consecutive action plan cycles. A copy of the letter dated 14 July 2020 notifying of the first occurrence is enclosed for your records. In line with [OGP policy](#), Albania will be placed under review by the OGP Criteria & Standards Subcommittee (C&S). This review process involves enhanced support by the OGP Steering Committee and the OGP Support Unit in order to help address the issues that have led an OGP member to be 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 Albania's next action plan, as assessed by the IRM in the Action Plan Review report. We urge you to take steps to make sure that these requirements are met, as failure to do so could risk Albania being designated in inactive status. We also encourage you to appoint a new OGP Minister as soon as possible, so that we can support you as effectively as possible.

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



14 July 2020

**The Honorable Erion Brace
Deputy Prime Minister
Government of Albania**

Dear Deputy Prime Minister Brace,

We welcome the Government of Albania'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 Albania 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, Albania 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 Albania 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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