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**The Honourable Mona Fortier, MP
President of the Treasury Board
Government of Canada**

Dear Minister Fortier,

We welcome the Government of Canada's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now comprises 78 countries and 76 local governments working to implement open government commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in policy making.

We acknowledge your letter and request to be shifted to the 2022 action plan cycle due to the delays caused by Canada's federal elections. We also recognize the progress you have made and your efforts to raise ambition and align your fifth national action plan with the commitments made by Canada at the Summit for Democracy.

As a result of this shift, Canada is considered to have started a new action plan cycle. Please be mindful that in 2021 the Steering Committee approved new Participation and Co-creation Standards that all OGP participating countries will have to observe in order to avoid acting contrary to process. As per the new standards, Canada's new action plan has to be delivered by 31 December 2022. Guidance materials for the new standards will be available soon

Failure to meet this deadline would result in Canada acting contrary to OGP process for two consecutive cycles, and therefore would be placed under Procedural Review by the Criteria & Standards Subcommittee. .

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you in whatever way would be useful. Please do not hesitate to contact the OGP Support Unit if you require any assistance in the finalization of your Action Plan.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer

cc: Mélanie Robert, Executive Director, Open Government, Treasury Board Secretariat

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