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**The Honorable Orna Barbivai
Minister of Economy
Government of Israel**

Dear Minister Barbivai,

We welcome the Government of Israel'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.

Thank you for correspondence from 10 January 2022 and the thorough explanation of the current state of Israel's forthcoming OGP action plan. I commend you for your efforts to ensure a strong co-creation process in line with OGP standards, and the progress made towards the development of Israel's action plan.

However, in an effort to ensure a consistent and fair application of the OGP policies and procedures expected of all participating countries, Israel is considered to have acted contrary to process for a third consecutive cycle due to the late delivery of the action plan.

While the OGP Support Unit is unable to provide any extensions, please be advised that I have forwarded this communication to the Criteria & Standards (C&S) Subcommittee — the body in charge of upholding OGP's policies and procedure — for its consideration when reviewing Israel's participation in OGP. Following the C&S Subcommittee's deliberations later this month you will be informed of their decision.

The Support Unit remains at your team's disposal to provide the necessary support to finalize and successfully deliver Israel's OGP action plan at the earliest possibility.

Yours sincerely,



Sanjay Pradhan
Chief Executive Officer

