

# **Resolution of the Governance and Leadership Subcommittee on the 2022 Steering Committee Elections**

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The Governance and Leadership Subcommittee (GL) recognizes the vital leadership of the OGP Steering Committee, and the importance of recruiting strong candidates to serve as stewards of the partnership through an annual elections process.

The GL Subcommittee further recognizes the importance of the required annual country financial contributions to OGP, as outlined in the Articles of Governance, and the central role they play for the financial sustainability of the Partnership.

One of the criteria to run for election is to have paid financial contributions to OGP. The Articles of Governance state that, absent exceptional circumstances, “countries that have failed to make financial contributions to OGP at or above their minimum amount for two successive years are ineligible to run for a seat on the SC or to participate in any formal vote of OGP participants.” In accordance with this rule, a total of 37 countries would not be able to participate in this year’s Steering Committee elections, thus excluding nearly half of all OGP countries from this process.

Recognizing the extraordinary impacts of the pandemic, including continued economic challenges faced by countries across the Partnership, and in the spirit of ensuring a credible, democratic and participatory elections process, the GL hereby resolves to waive this criteria for the 2022 elections.

GL further requested the Support Unit to provide recommendations to address the gap in country contributions, and to review the eligibility criteria moving forward. GL continues to encourage all OGP members to meet their future annual financial obligations.

**–END RESOLUTION–**

