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

Dear Minister Barbivai,

In follow up to my letter dated February 22, 2022 (attached for your reference), I am pleased to inform you that the Criteria & Standards (C&S) Subcommittee welcomed the progress made by Israel so far and your high-level commitment to finalize and submit the action plan this year.

However, in desiring to maintain a consistent and fair approach to upholding OGP policies and procedures, and considering that Israel has acted contrary to process for three consecutive cycles, the C&S Subcommittee has agreed to recommend 'conditional' inactivity for Israel - meaning that failure to deliver the action plan by December 31, 2022 would automatically result in being designated as inactive in OGP. Israel would remain under Procedural Review until this time, or until the plan is submitted, whichever comes first.

The OGP Steering Committee will review this recommendation and make a final determination on Israel's participation status at its next meeting on March 24, 2022.

I would like to underscore that while we encourage the swift development of Israel's action plan, it is equally important to ensure a strong co-creation process that adheres to OGP standards. The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support the Government of Israel in whatever way possible to finalize the action plan and remain an active member of the Partnership.

Best regards,



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Chief Executive Officer



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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

