



10 July 2017

H.E. Prime Minister Duško Marković
Government of Montenegro

Dear Prime Minister Marković:

We deeply appreciate your correspondence dated 22 June 2017, and welcome the high-level commitment of the Government of Montenegro to develop a new National Action Plan and re-engage in the Partnership. We further welcome the efforts of your government to establish an open and transparent government, as outlined in your letter, and applaud the direct engagement of the Office of the Prime Minister in the OGP Operational Team for the successful implementation of Montenegro's upcoming action plan.

In reviewing Montenegro's participation in OGP, the OGP Steering Committee sought to maintain a consistent and fair approach and continue to hold all participating countries to the same OGP values and requirements. Considering that the Government of Montenegro has been unsuccessful in delivering its new OGP action plan since 2014, and thus has acted contrary to OGP processes for three consecutive action plan cycles, the Steering Committee reached a decision, by consensus, to regrettably designate the Government of Montenegro as inactive under provisions set out in the OGP Articles of Governance. The inactive status lasts up to a maximum of one year or until the country publishes a National Action Plan.

We encourage your government to swiftly develop a new National Action Plan and underscore the importance of a strong co-creation process that adheres to OGP guidance, engages all relevant stakeholders in the process, and includes thorough consultation with citizens and civil society. We further encourage the Government of Montenegro to continue developing reforms that foster a more open, transparent and responsive government which contributes to improving the lives of Montenegrins. We look forward to assisting your government in this process through collaboration with the OGP Steering Committee, OGP Support Unit, OGP Working Groups, and other partners to successfully develop and implement Montenegro's new National Action Plan. A copy of the Steering Committee's resolution is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely yours,

OGP Steering Committee Co-chairs

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