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The Honorable Shaukat Tarin  
Minister of Finance and Revenue Affairs  
Government of Pakistan

Dear Minister Tarin,

It is with regret that I must inform you that the Government of Pakistan is no longer considered a member of the Open Government Partnership (OGP), effective as of 5 March 2022. This decision follows the resolution of the OGP Steering Committee dated 25 February 2020 to designate Pakistan as *inactive* in OGP due to failure to deliver an action plan since joining the Partnership in 2016. A copy of the resolution and previous communications sent to the Government of Pakistan are enclosed for your reference.

As outlined in the Steering Committee resolution, in order to regain full participation status in OGP, the Government of Pakistan had one year from the date of the resolution to either i) publish its action plan developed in line with OGP Participation and Co-Creation Standards; or ii) work with the Criteria and Standards Subcommittee and the OGP Support Unit to set a clear timeline to start a new action plan cycle and re-engage civil society for producing the new action plan.

In light of the challenges presented by COVID19 pandemic, and in line with guidelines approved by the Steering Committee in 2020, the government of Pakistan was granted an additional year to comply with the terms of the resolution.

As of this date, the Government of Pakistan has unfortunately not fulfilled these requirements. For this reason, and acting in accordance with the OGP Articles of Governance, Pakistan is no longer considered an OGP participating country.

We hope that the Government of Pakistan, through dialogue and cooperation with civil society and other partners, is able to advance its transparency and openness agenda even outside of the OGP framework.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.



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H.E. Shaukat Tarin  
Minister of Finance and Revenue Affairs  
Government of Pakistan

Dear Minister Tarin,

We welcome the Government of Pakistan's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), an international multistakeholder initiative which now comprises 78 countries working to implement open government commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in policy making. Pakistan joined OGP in December 2016, at the OGP Global Summit hosted by the Government of France.


As you may be aware, the OGP Steering committee reached an unanimous decision to regretfully designate Pakistan inactive in OGP for a one-year period during its [February 2020](#) meeting on account of not submitting the required OGP National Action Plan for three consecutive years. The Steering Committee [resolution](#) (attached for your reference) was sent to the government of Pakistan on [5 March 2020](#). Furthermore, in light of the COVID19 pandemic, and in line with the [guidelines approved](#) by the Criteria & Standards Subcommittee, the OGP Steering Committee resolved to extend the deadline to comply with the aforementioned resolution by one year.

As outlined in the resolution, this inactivity status would be immediately lifted upon the submission of an OGP action plan. **We are available to support you in the development of a new action plan in order to regain active status with OGP.**

We encourage the swift development of Pakistan's action plan and also underscore the importance and value of a strong co-creation process that includes the necessary time to engage all stakeholders, conduct extensive consultation with citizens and civil society, and adheres to the OGP's Participation and Co-Creation Standards. Please note that failure to re-engage or deliver an action plan by the 5 March 2022 deadline would lead to the government of Pakistan to no longer be considered an OGP member.

We reiterate our full support to aid you in the completion and implementation of the OGP action plan, and to regain active status in the Partnership.

Yours sincerely,



Joe Powell  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer



# Resolution of the OGP Steering Committee Regarding the Status of the Government of Pakistan's Participation in OGP

25 February 2020

*[Amended on 23 July 2020] In light of the COVID19 pandemic, and in line with the guidelines approved by the [Criteria & Standards Subcommittee](#) on 18 March 2020, the OGP Steering Committee hereby resolves to extend the deadline to comply with the following resolution for a period of one year.*

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The OGP Steering Committee welcomes Pakistan's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP) since 2016, and recognizes the efforts made to develop a draft OGP action plan in 2017. The OGP Steering Committee further acknowledges the potential delays to the OGP process caused by the political transition in 2018.

However, considering that the Government of Pakistan has acted contrary to the OGP process by not delivering an action plan for three consecutive cycles (2017, 2018, 2019), **the OGP Steering Committee, under the provisions set out in the Articles of Governance, hereby resolves to designate the Government of Pakistan as inactive in OGP.**

For countries placed on inactive status by decision of the OGP Steering Committee after acting contrary to the OGP process, the inactive status lasts up to a maximum of one year, or:

- Until the country publishes an action plan, developed in line with OGP Participation and Co-Creation Standards, or
- The country works with the Criteria and Standards Subcommittee and the OGP Support Unit to set a clear timeline to start a new action plan cycle and re-engage with civil society for producing the new action plan.

This inactivity status will be immediately lifted upon the submission of an OGP action plan. The OGP Steering Committee further agrees to offer all the necessary support in order to help Pakistan remain engaged in the Partnership.

If, however, a country remains on inactive status for a year without communicating to the OGP Support Unit that it wants to continue to participate in OGP, the Criteria and Standards Subcommittee will recommend that the OGP Steering Committee instructs the OGP Support Unit to remove such country from the list of participating countries.

In addition, the following inactivity conditions apply:

- While inactive, Pakistan will continue to receive Steering Committee and Support Unit assistance, and the IRM will assess its future action plan.
- While inactive, Pakistan will not be eligible to vote or run in Steering Committee elections, and may only attend OGP events as observers for learning purposes.
- While inactive, Pakistan's inactivity will be noted on the OGP website and public information materials, where appropriate (e.g., in a list of participating OGP countries).
- Any country, whether in active or inactive status, may at any time decide itself to withdraw from OGP.

\*\*\*END RESOLUTION\*\*\*

