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Xavier Bettel Prime Minister Government of Luxembourg

Dear Prime Minister Bettel,

We welcome the Government of Luxembourg's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now comprises 77 countries and 106 local governments working to implement open government commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in policy-making.

This letter is to inform you that Luxembourg has acted contrary to process for its 2019-2021 action plan by not reaching "inform" during implementation of the action plan, and for not collecting, publishing, and documenting a repository on the national OGP website/webpage in line with IRM guidance during the entirety of the action plan design and implementation period, as assessed by the Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) in their latest <u>report</u>.

Luxembourg has now acted contrary to process for two consecutive action plan cycles. A copy of the letter notifying the previous occurrence (failure to submit a 2021-23 Action Plan by 31 December 2021) is enclosed for your records. In line with OGP policy, Luxembourg will be placed under Procedural Review by the Criteria & Standards (C&S) Subcommittee, which involves enhanced support to help address the issues that have led to this review.

The review process can be completed by submitting a new action plan by the deadline of 31 December 2022. In order to avoid the possibility of further review by the C&S Subcommittee, we recommend that the Government of Luxembourg makes every effort to meet this deadline. In this regard, we reaffirm our previous offer of enhanced support to the Information and Press Service to commence a new co-creation process for the next action plan.

While we encourage the swift development of Luxembourg's action plan, it is important to underscore the need to meet minimum standards. Please note that in 2021 the Steering Committee approved new Participation and Co-creation Standards that all OGP participating countries will have to observe in order to avoid acting contrary to process. Guidance on how to meet the new minimum participation and co-creation requirements can be found in the <u>OGP</u> <u>National Handbook</u>; guidelines for their assessment by the Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) can be found <u>here</u>.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you in whatever way would be useful. Please do not hesitate to contact the Support Unit if you have any questions regarding this notification.

Yours sincerely,

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15 February 2022

## Mr Francis Kaell Head of Division Service information et presse Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

Dear Mr Kaell,

We welcome the Government of Luxembourg'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.

This letter is to inform you that as of the deadline of 31 December 2021, the Support Unit has not received Luxembourg's 2021-23 Action Plan, and therefore has acted contrary to the OGP process. The Government of Luxembourg is also now considered to have started a new action plan cycle.

Please be mindful that in 2021 the Steering Committee approved new Participation and Cocreation Standards that all OGP participating countries will have to observe. As per the new standards, your new Action Plan has to be delivered before 31 December 2022 in order to avoid acting contrary to the OGP process again. Governments that act contrary to process for two consecutive cycles are placed under review by the OGP Steering Committee, which involves enhanced support to resolve the issues that led to being placed in that status. Guidance materials for the new standards will be available soon.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you in whatever way would be useful. Please do not hesitate to contact the Support Unit if you have any questions regarding this notification.

Yours sincerely,

Sanjay Pradhan Chief Executive Officer

