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The Honourable Elbert Krasniqi Minister of Local Government Administration Republic of Kosovo

Dear Minister Krasniqi,

Thank you for your kind letter dated October 18, 2022, and for a very engaging conversation during the European Regional meeting in Rome.

We welcome with enthusiasm the news about the imminent approval of Kosovo's open government action plan, and we commend you for your leadership and commitment to the values of transparency, accountability, and public participation. We take this opportunity to reiterate our support for the Kosovar government and civil society towards achieving your collective open government objectives.

As we discussed in Rome, we are committed to leveraging the strategy development process to discuss and agree with our fellow Steering Committee peers ways to broaden the options for participation in OGP, so that more governments may form part of the Partnership. As Sanjay Pradhan, CEO of OGP, noted in his letter dated September 23, 2022, this approach would provide the full Steering Committee with an opportunity to discuss the matter afresh, as any changes to current policy fall under its purview. The strategy development process will be followed by a review and update of the Articles of Governance. It is our intention with this to create a path for Kosovo to formally participate in OGP. Our ambition is to finalize the strategy development process in April 2023.

We wish you and all Kosovar actors engaged in the action plan process a successful start of the implementation phase and look forward to sharing the outcomes of the strategy process in due course. We also look forward to welcoming you to the Estonia Global Summit in autumn of 2023.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the Governance and Leadership Subcommittee

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