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Dear Mr Pradhan,

I am pleased to continue the UK Government's correspondence with you – following on from that with Heather Wheeler earlier this year – regarding the UK's Fifth National Action Plan for Open Government 2021-2023 (NAP5) and our engagement with civil society through the UK Open Government Network (UK OGN).

As a founding and current member of the Open Government Partnership (OGP), the UK remains committed to contributing to the open government agenda as an active global leader.

I would like to reassure you that the UK Government is continuing to work to deliver its commitments under NAP5 and officials are liaising with civil society representatives to agree how best to undertake the co-creation process for the Sixth NAP during 2023.

- I would like to note the positive progress the UK has made in the past year:
- NAP5 was submitted within the agreed timeframe at the end of 2021;
- A Multi-Stakeholder Forum (MSF) held in June was co-chaired by the then minister Heather Wheeler MP to identify additional commitments to add to NAP5;
- Amendments to NAP5 published in August were positively received by civil society;
- We contributed to the OGP Europe and Steering Committee meetings in October;
- We are engaging with colleagues in the UK Government and the devolved administrations, and representatives of the UK OGN to assess the best way forward;
- Planning has begun for the next Multi-Stakeholder Forum (MSF), to be held in December 2022 or January 2023, depending on availability;
- Subsequent MSFs will take place quarterly thereafter, with a 12-month horizon.

The UK has a strong and multi-faceted rationale for continuing to progress the open government agenda. Firstly, the availability of trustworthy data and information from all levels of government, combined with transparency about government decision-making, is at the heart of protecting and enhancing our democracies. Secondly, we recognise the importance of government and civil society working together to consider new policies and assessing the effectiveness of existing policies. Finally, open data, standards and services are key components in stimulating innovation, economic growth, global free trade and governmental efficiency - all of which are priorities for the UK Government.

I trust our commitment to open government is clear and our intended course of action reassures you of the UK's continued participation in the Open Government Partnership.

**Kind Regards**

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