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Subject: *Albania- Open Government Partnership*

MR. SANJAY PRADHAN
CEO
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Dear Mr. Pradhan,

I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation for the fruitful collaboration and support Albania has received in the framework of the Open Government Partnership.

The Albanian Government fully supports the values promoted through this initiative and will continue its engagement in taking concrete measures based on the principles of Open Governance. We value and support increased participation of citizens in public life, effective management of public resources, promotion and creation of safer communities in achieving the overall well-being for our citizens.

Due to the latest global events, the internal institutional set-up of the Prime Minister's Office has had some changes, the focus has shifted to the global energy crisis. Until July 2022 in charge of the OGP process and initiative and National Political Coordinator was the Deputy Prime Minister. Starting from October 2022 this responsibility was appointed to the Minister of State for Service Standards.

Moreover, Albania has opened the negotiation process for the accession to the European Union starting from July 2022 and all the public administration attention and efforts have been focused to this historical and important process for our country.

We strongly believe, that the Open Government Partnership is a process that requires continuous and sustainable engagement and being aware of the end of the year deadline, we

would need to take more time in order to do the co-creation process right, in line with its priorities and basic principles.

Therefore, the delivery of the Action Plan for 2022-2024 will be extended until March 2023, in order to ensure effective results and a comprehensive approach based on the OGP manuals.

The Albanian Government, has already taken a lot of concrete measures to ensure that the drafting of the National Action Plan for 2022-2024 is done accordingly to the new methodology and discussed openly within the Multilateral Committee on Open Governance Partnership, as the main forum for political dialogue between government representatives, civil society and development partners.

The fight against corruption, open justice reform, increased transparency, citizen participation and government accountability remain a priority for the Albanian Government.

The main goals of the new process of the NAP 2022-2024 is in line with the ongoing OGP actions, which will enforce and promote multi-stakeholder dialogue and cooperation on OGP commitments and on the implementation of the Guiding Principles, provide capacity-building opportunities, identify issues and challenges on OGP commitments in the national level, identify emerging innovative practices designed to manage corporate impacts, and reinforce synergies between global efforts and initiatives also at the regional levels.

In thanking you for the cooperation we look forward for future collaboration.

Sincerely,

MINISTER

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