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February 3, 2023

#### **Edna Oliveira**

Minister of Modernization of the State and Public Administration (MMEAP) Government of Cabo Verde

Dear Minister Oliveira,

We are delighted to count on the Government of Cabo Verde's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now comprises 76 countries and 106 local governments working to implement open government commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in policy-making.

As you may be aware, Cabo Verde was placed under Procedural Review in February 2022 due to acting contrary to OGP processes for two consecutive action plan cycles (failure to meet the minimum co-creation standards in its 2018-2020 action plan, and failing to deliver its 2021-2023 action plan). Letters informing Cabo Verde of these instances are enclosed for your reference. To finalize this review, Cabo Verde was required to submit its new action plan by December 31, 2022.

It is with great pleasure to inform you that we have received Cabo Verde's <u>new Action Plan</u> by this deadline, and is therefore no longer under Procedural Review.

I wish you and all stakeholders in government and civil society a successful implementation of this OGP action plan. 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



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April 28, 2022

His Excellency Ulisses Correia e Silva Prime Minister Government of Cabo Verde Praia, Cabo Verde

Your Excellency,

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

As you are aware, all OGP participating governments are expected to co-create an Action Plan outlining a concrete set of open government reforms, in line with OGP Participation and Co-Creation standards.

For its 2018-2021 action plan, the Government of Cabo Verde did not meet the OGP minimum requirement for public influence during implementation - "Inform" - as assessed by the Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) in their report.

Cabo Verde has therefore acted contrary to the OGP process for the 2018-2021 cycle. Considering that Cabo Verde has already acted contrary to process during this cycle, no further consequences apply at this time. Cabo Verde will remain under Procedural Review, which can be finalized by submitting a new action plan by 31 December 2022. A copy of the letter notifying of this status is enclosed for your records.

However, please be advised that acting contrary to OGP process for a third consecutive cycle (i.e. during its 2022-2024 cycle) could result in Cabo Verde being designated as Inactive in OGP. To avoid the possibility of inactivity, we respectfully recommend that the Government of Cabo Verde makes every effort to submit its next action plan by December 31, 2022, and meet the minimum requirements set forth in the OGP Participation and Co-Creation standards.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you in whatever way would be useful.

Yours sincerely,

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**17 February 2022** 

His Excellency Ulisses Correia e Silva Prime Minister Government of Cabo Verde Praia, Cabo Verde

Your Excellency,

We welcome the Government of Cabo Verde's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now comprises 78 national 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 Cabo Verde's 2021-23 Action Plan, and therefore has acted contrary to the OGP process, and is considered to have started a new action plan cycle.

Cabo Verde has now acted contrary to process for two consecutive action plan cycles. A copy of the letter notifying the previous occurrence (failure to meet the minimum co-creation standards in its 2018-2020 action plan) is enclosed for your records. In line with OGP policy, Cabo Verde 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 finalized by submitting a new action plan by 31 December 2022. In order to avoid the possibility of further review by the C&S Subcommittee, we recommend that the Government of Cabo Verde makes every effort to meet this deadline.

While we encourage the swift development of Cabo Verde's action plan, it is important to underscore the need for a strong co-creation process that meets 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 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,

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Attachment

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11 March 2021

His Excellency José Ulisses Correia e Silva Prime Minister Office of the Prime Minister Government of Cabo Verde

Your Excellency,

We welcome the Government of Cabo Verde's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now comprises 78 countries working to implement open government commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in policy making.

As you are aware, all OGP participating governments are expected to co-create an action plan outlining a concrete set of open government reforms, in line with OGP Participation and Co-Creation standards.

For its 2018-2020 action plan, the Government of Cabo Verde did not meet the OGP minimum requirement for public influence during co-creation - known as "Involve" - as assessed by the Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) in their report. Therefore, Cabo Verde has acted contrary to the OGP process for the 2018-2020 cycle.

In line with <u>OGP policy</u>, in order to avoid the possibility of future review by the Criteria and Standards Subcommittee of the OGP Steering Committee, we recommend that the Government of Cabo Verde makes every effort to meet the minimum requirements set forth in the OGP Participation and Co-Creation standards during the development of its next action plan.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you in whatever way would be useful. The Support Unit will contact you and your team to provide additional information regarding this assessment.

Yours sincerely,

Sanjay Pradhan

Chief Executive Officer