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Pavel Blažek Minister of Justice Government of the Czech Republic

Dear Minister Blažek,

We welcome the Government of the Czech Republic'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 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.

As of December 31, 2022, the OGP Support Unit has not received a new action plan from the government of the Czech Republic. Therefore, the Czech Republic has acted contrary to the OGP process for the 2022-2024 cycle.

Notwithstanding the above, we have been encouraged to hear that stakeholders remain actively engaged in the co-creation process and that the reason for the delay in finalising the plan has been primarily to allow time for additional commitments and reform themes to be included in the plan. This is welcome and highlights a constructive dialogue between government and civil society that should serve to strengthen the Czech Republic's OGP process in the coming years. If the action plan is delivered prior to 28 February 2023 the Czech Republic will remain in the 2022-2024 December cycle, meaning the action plan will conclude on 31 December 2024.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you during the implementation of your current action plan and the development of your next one to make sure all requirements are met.

Yours sincerely,

Sanjay Pradhan Chief Executive Officer

