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### To participants and stakeholders in Israel's OGP process

Dear Israeli OGP Community,

As Chief Executive Officer of the Open Government Partnership (OGP), I am writing to acknowledge and thank you for your active participation in the recent co-creation process for Israel's fourth OGP National Action Plan.

Whilst the plan is not yet finalised we have been heartened to hear about the unprecedented levels, and diversity, of engagement in this process as well as the inclusion of reform themes that have not featured in previous Israeli action plans, such as gender, climate and access to citizens' rights.

Civil society - government collaboration is at the heart of OGP's model, and evidence from our 11 years of work to date show clearly that those members with the deepest and widest dialogue with civil society consistently produce more ambitious commitments, have higher rates of implementation and deliver stronger results.

In this context I can appreciate the frustration you may be feeling that the final stages of the co-creation process have been delayed by the recent general election and subsequent government formation process. We remain hopeful that the new Israeli government will reaffirm Israel's commitment to OGP and complete the development of the fourth action plan as soon as possible.

Nevertheless you will be aware of the terms of the OGP Steering Committee's [resolution](#) of 24 March 2022 relating to Israel's participation status within OGP, which indicates that failure to deliver an action plan on or before 31 December 2022 would automatically result in Israel being designated as 'inactive' in the OGP as of 1 January 2023. This is due to Israel's previous failure to deliver action plans on time in three consecutive cycles, which resulted in it being placed under procedural review in February 2020.

However please note that although Israel's status is now 'inactive', it remains a valued OGP member. Furthermore, inactivity status would be lifted immediately upon the submission of an



OGP action plan developed in line with OGP Participation and Co-Creation Standards. We hope this gives you some reassurance and hope that your engagement with the OGP process to date has not been in vain. We are simultaneously writing to the new Israeli Government to highlight this impressive level of engagement and to encourage their active support for the timely completion of the co-creation process and delivery of Israel's fourth National Action

Yours sincerely,



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