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Adrian Balutel Secretary of the Government Government of Moldova

Dear Secretary Balutel,

We welcome the Government of Moldova'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.

Unfortunately, the OGP Support Unit did not receive a new action plan from the government of Moldova by the deadline of December 31, 2022. Therefore, Moldova has acted contrary to the OGP process for the 2022-2024 cycle.

Moldova has now acted contrary to the OGP process for two consecutive action plan cycles. A copy of the letter notifying the previous occurrence is enclosed for your records (failure to deliver its 2021-2023 action plan). In line with <u>OGP policy</u>, Moldova will be placed under review by the OGP Criteria & Standards Subcommittee (C&S). This review process involves enhanced support by the C&S, the OGP Support Unit and the OGP Steering Committee in order to help address the issues that have led to it being placed under review.

The review process can be finalized by addressing the most recent occurrence of acting contrary to process, in this case by submitting an action plan by the next deadline. Additionally, if a country fails to deliver an action plan for three consecutive years, the C&S Subcommittee will automatically recommend that country be designated as "inactive" in OGP by resolution of the Steering Committee. Therefore, in order to prevent the risk of being designated inactive and to resolve the review process, Moldova must deliver a new action plan by December 31, 2023 at the latest. Nevertheless, we recommend starting the co-creation process as soon as possible and perhaps submitting an action plan by the June 30, 2023 deadline.

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,

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Dumitru Udrea General Secretary Government of Moldova

Dear Mr. Udrea,

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

Please be mindful that in 2021 the Steering Committee approved new Participation and Cocreation Standards that all OGP participating countries will have to observe. As per the new standards, your new Action Plan has to be delivered before 31 December 2022 in order to avoid acting contrary to the OGP process again. Governments that act contrary to process for two consecutive cycles are placed under review by the OGP Steering Committee, which involves enhanced support to resolve the issues that led to being placed in that status. 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,

Sanjay Pradhan Chief Executive Officer

