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Dear Mr Pradhan

I write on behalf of the Government of Malta ('the Government') with reference to the resolution issued by the Open Government Partnership ('OGP') on 24th March 2022 regarding Malta's participation in the OGP.

Government wishes to assure the OGP that Malta remains committed to uphold OGP standards and would like to communicate its deep commitment to ensure that Malta's participation in OGP is rectified in an expeditious manner as possible.

In this regard, Malta is committing to set a clear timeline to start a new action plan cycle and re-engage with civil society to develop a new action plan.

In fact, Malta has identified several policy options on which an action plan can be developed with the participation of Civil Society. Some of the policy options identified relate to Justice, Open Parliament, Digital Government, Inclusiveness, Gender, Equality, Integration, Human Trafficking and LGBTIQ+ Community.

Malta already has a consultative set up under the remit of the Malta Council for Economic and Social Dialogue (MCESD) which apart from the main Council, it also has a Civil Society Committee and the Gozo Regional Committee. However, we would like to open a dialogue with OGP on whether this set up meets the Co-creation Standards or whether we would need to develop further this set-up in order to create a multistakeholder forum in line with open government requirements to which, Malta is also declaring its commitment.



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Allow me to reaffirm the Government's intention to live up to OGP standards and through this communication Malta is pledging its commitment to develop a new OGP Action Plan in line with OGP Participation & Co-creation Standards by **31 December 2023**.

In the circumstances, Government welcomes any support that OGP may wish to offer and looks forward to resolving the current situation vis-à-vis Malta's status in order to continue participation in the OGP in a positive spirit of mutual cooperation.

Yours faithfully

Hon Dr Jonathon Attard
Minister for Justice