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**Hon. Dr. Jonathan Attard**  
**Minister for Justice**  
**Government of Malta**

Dear Minister Attard,

Thank you for your letter dated March 24, 2023 expressing the Government of Malta's commitment to remain a member of OGP.

On behalf of the Criteria & Standards (C&S) Subcommittee Co-Chairs, we welcome this renewed commitment and the opportunity to restart the OGP process in Malta, including establishing dialogue with domestic civil society actors. The Chairs of the C&S Subcommittee are therefore recommending to the full OGP Steering Committee to extend Malta's inactive status up to **December 31, 2023** to allow time for development of a new Action Plan in line with OGP Participation and Co-creation Standards.

We kindly ask that the Government of Malta prepares a timeline and process for the development of an Action Plan by **May 5, 2023**. The OGP Support Unit is available to speak with your Ministry via video call(s) to support the steps referenced in your letter, namely the discussion of policy proposals and civil society dialogue forums.

To maintain a consistent and fair approach in assessing compliance with OGP requirements in all participating countries, failure to deliver an Action Plan (and corresponding timeline) by the specified deadlines will result in automatic withdrawal of Malta from the OGP, as Malta has already acted contrary to process for three consecutive action plan cycles.

We look forward to working together and stand ready to support Malta's re-engagement with OGP and the global open government community.

Sincerely,



**Sanjay Pradhan**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Open Government Partnership

*(On behalf of the Co-Chairs of the Criteria & Standards Subcommittee)*

