

Steering Committee Resolution on the participation of Azerbaijan in the Open Government Partnership

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After considering the government of Azerbaijan's efforts to address the concerns raised by civil society organizations in the Response Policy [Letter of Concern](#) filed on March 2, 2015, and the [IRM assessment](#) completed in April 2023, it is evidenced that the government has not fully addressed the Response Policy [recommendations](#) issued by the Criteria & Standards Subcommittee in September 2017, noting that out of the seven recommendations, only one has been partially addressed.

Despite the efforts made by the OGP Support Unit, Steering Committee members, and other external partners to achieve the objectives set out in the Response Policy (assist in overcoming difficulties and re-establishing an environment more conducive to government and civil society collaboration, and to safeguard the Open Government Declaration and mitigate reputational risks to OGP), the overall environment has not improved and achieving these objectives has not proven to be possible through the OGP platform.

For these reasons, the Steering Committee hereby resolves to close the Response Policy case concerning the government of Azerbaijan. In line with the terms stipulated in the Response Policy, and the OGP [Resolution](#) on the participation of Azerbaijan in the Open Government Partnership issued on 5 December 2018, the government of Azerbaijan is now permanently suspended from OGP, and is no longer considered an OGP participating country.

Any country that is permanently suspended from OGP due to a Response Policy case, and that wishes to rejoin, must first meet the Eligibility Criteria, including passing the Values Check, and receive approval by the OGP Steering Committee in order to regain OGP membership.

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