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Cc: Criteria & Standards Sub-Committee Chairs

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Dear Mr Pradhan,

It was a pleasure to meet you and your colleagues to further understand the work of the OGP and the contribution the UK has made.

Further to your letter of 22 December 2022, I am writing to you about the steps the UK Government has taken to meet minimum participation requirements in the implementation of the Fifth National Action Plan on Open Government (NAP5).

The Criteria & Standard Sub-committee asked that we provide evidence of meeting minimum participation requirements by 30th June in order that we remain active members of the partnership and subject to a final review by the IRM in Q1 2024. The minimum participation requirements of concern for NAP5 were that we have an up-to-date online repository for NAP5 updates, and that we meet the 'inform' level of engagement with civil society.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that we are now:

- meeting the 'inform' level of engagement on NAP5 progress by holding quarterly Multi-Stakeholder Forums (MSFs), sharing read-outs from these MSFs and detailed updates through twice-yearly written reports;
- ensuring read-outs and written reports are made publicly available through the UK Open Government Network website, which provides the current UK repository; and
- working to ensure that civil society and government representatives for each NAP5 commitment area are in frequent contact and that open dialogue is sustained through to the end of NAP5 implementation.

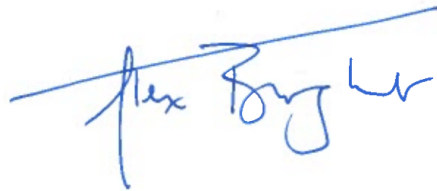
The UK Government is going beyond these requirements in a number of ways. We are putting in place the right conditions to meet the new OGP minimum participation standards for NAP6, including having a 12-month rolling programme of MSFs and a clear focus for each meeting. The UK is also launching the development of the Sixth National Action Plan for Open Government to a clear timetable, having worked with civil society in the planning, outreach and upcoming launch of the co-creation phase. Finally, we are working with our civil society partners to develop a broader

community - a network of networks - who will help us to promote and embed Open Government beyond the action framework.

I am personally looking forward to attending the OGP Summit in Estonia in September, where I believe the UK delegation will be making a valuable contribution. We hope this will include the opportunity for a dedicated session for governments to discuss their common challenges in integrating domestic Open Government with OGP processes.

I trust that the OGP Criteria & Standards Subcommittee will agree that the UK is now meeting OGPs minimum participation requirements. We will continue our renewed approach in the ongoing implementation of NAP5 and co-creation of NAP6 through 2023.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alex Burghart", is written over a horizontal line.

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