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Hon. Elbert Krasniqi Minister of Local Government Administration Republic of Kosovo

Dear Minister Krasniqi,

On behalf of the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Steering Committee, it is with great pleasure that we extend our congratulations on Kosovo's entry into the Partnership. We warmly welcome Kosovo as the newest member of our broad and diverse community of government and civil society reformers working together to promote greater transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in policy-making.

We are confident that Kosovo's participation will enrich our collective efforts in promoting open government values. As a non-voting member of the Partnership, Kosovo will gain access to a wealth of knowledge, best practices, and innovative approaches to open government generated by our dynamic community. By leveraging these resources, Kosovo will have the opportunity to drive transformative change and foster an open, inclusive and accountable government. To assist you as you embark on the next steps of your OGP membership journey, we have appended OGP's strategy for 2023 – 2028. This document outlines partnership-wide priorities that could serve as a reference point to determine how Kosovo can contribute to the accomplishment of shared goals.

As Co-Chairs, we call on all OGP countries to make every effort to go beyond OGP's minimum requirements in their domestic action plan processes, fulfilling annual financial contributions, and promoting and safeguarding the Partnership's values, principles and interests. We extend our support to Kosovo in accomplishing this.

To foster interaction and exchange among open government reformers, we also extend a warm invitation to Kosovo to attend and send a delegation to the upcoming OGP Global Summit to be held in Tallinn, Estonia, on September 6-7. The Summit will provide an opportunity for reformers from government and civil society to meet with their peers from across the partnership, share lessons with one another, and draw inspiration from successful practices implemented around the world.

The OGP Steering Committee and Support Unit stand ready to support and assist you throughout this exciting process. We look forward to a fruitful partnership as we work together to drive positive change and explore ways to deepen Kosovo's involvement in shaping an open and accountable government. Once again, congratulations on your entry to OGP, and see you in Tallinn!

Sincerely yours,

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