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Letter of Intent

To: Mr. Taimar Peterkop

Mr. Paolo Zangrillo

Ms. Anabel Cruz

Mr. Aidan Eyakuze

Dear Open Government Partnership Co-Chairs,

It is with great privilege and responsibility that the Government of the Republic of Kosovo extends its formal intention to participate in the Open Government Partnership (OGP) initiative, after having internally evaluated that the Republic of Kosovo meets the eligibility criteria to participate in the Open Government Partnership initiative.

Following our initial attempt to formally join the (OGP) back in 2013, during these 10 years, the Republic of Kosovo has shown constant progress in endorsing the OGP principles and values. Starting off with the development and adaptation of the Open Data Charter, launching online platform E-Kosova with 100 online services.

The decision authorizes The Ministry of Local Government Administration to be the point of contact to coordinate and manage all matters pursuant to the process of membership to OGP. In addition, a National Coordination Committee – NCC has been established with representatives from the civil society sector (as a majority), public administration entities, and other stakeholders. The NCC has been chaired by the Ministry of Local Government Administration,

and co-chaired by Open Data Kosovo, a civil society organization operating in Kosovo and in the region.

Promoting transparent, participatory, inclusive and accountable governance lies at the heart of what the political ecosystem in the Republic of Kosovo intends to and commits towards achieving. Pursuant to this, the Republic of Kosovo hereby commits to uphold the principles of open and transparent government by endorsing the Open Government Declaration.

Furthermore Republic of Kosovo is a full member of World Bank and International Monetary Fund from 2008, and many other international organizations.

Thus, it is with great enthusiasm that we look forward to endorsing the core values and principles that the OGP entails via the admission of our willingness and request for membership in the OGP. Becoming a member of the OGP will not only put Kosovo in an equivalent position to other neighboring countries in the Balkans region but will have a great positive impact in Kosovo's internal politics.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Elbert Krasniqi

Minister

Ministry of Local Government Administration

Republic of Kosovo

Date: July 17, 2023



Mr. Fidan Kalaja

Chairman

OGP Kosovo

Republic of Kosovo

Date: July 17, 2023

