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Gunn Karin Gjøl
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Dear State Secretary Gjøl,

We welcome the Government of Norway's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now comprises 76 countries and 106 local governments working to implement open government commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in policy-making.

As you are aware, all OGP participating governments are expected to regularly co-create action plans outlining a concrete set of open government reforms, in line with OGP Participation and Co-Creation standards.

To date, the Government of Norway has acted contrary to process for three consecutive action plan cycles, and is currently under Procedural Review. Following the third instance, the Criteria & Standards Subcommittee resolved to maintain Norway under Procedural Review until the Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) concludes that the minimum co-creation requirements have been met in Norway's 2023-2027 OGP Action Plan. Previous correspondence is enclosed for your reference. In line with the resolution, not meeting the minimum requirements in this new action plan, or otherwise acting contrary to process, could result in being recommended for inactivity.

I regret to inform you that Norway has acted contrary to process again by not meeting the minimum standards during the implementation of its 2019-2022 action plan, as conclusively determined by the IRM. However, considering that Norway has already acted contrary to process during said cycle, inactivity *is not* being recommended at this moment.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand firmly committed to assisting and supporting you in any way necessary during the implementation of this plan and to adhere to the minimum requirements in order to finalize this review process.

Yours sincerely,



Sanjay Pradhan
Chief Executive Officer



Resolution of the Criteria & Standards Subcommittee regarding the participation status of Norway in OGP

14 April 2023

The Criteria & Standards Subcommittee welcomes Norway's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP) and recognizes the 4 OGP action plans it has co-created to date.

In February 2021, the government of Norway was placed under Procedural Review due to acting contrary to process for two consecutive action plan cycles (submission of a late action plan for the 2018-2020 cycle and failure to meet minimum standards in the 2019-2022 action plan). Furthermore, the government of Norway did not deliver a new action plan by the December 31, 2022 deadline.

Considering that the government of Norway has now acted contrary to the OGP process for three consecutive action plan cycles, and in line with the fair and consistent approach to enforcing OGP requirements for all participating countries, the **Criteria & Standards Subcommittee hereby resolves to maintain the government of Norway under Procedural Review** until the IRM concludes that it has met the minimum requirements in the co-creation of its new OGP Action Plan, as assessed in the Action Plan Review report to be published within four months after submitting the plan.

Furthermore, to prevent being recommended for inactivity to the full Steering Committee, the government of Norway would have to submit a new action plan by December 31, 2023. Not submitting an action plan by this date will result in a recommendation to the full SC to place Norway in inactive status. Not meeting the minimum requirements in the new action plan, or otherwise acting contrary to process, could also lead to an inactivity recommendation.

The C&S Subcommittee remains committed to provide all necessary support to resolve this matter as soon as possible.

