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Dr Nandika Sanath Kumanayake Secretary to the President Presidential Secretariat Government of Sri Lanka

Dear Dr. Nandika Sanath Kumanayake,

On behalf of the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Steering Committee, I must regretfully inform you that the Government of Sri Lanka is no longer considered an OGP participating country effective as of 10 May 2025.

This decision follows the May 2024 resolution of the OGP Steering Committee to designate Sri Lanka as inactive in OGP due to failure to deliver an action plan since the 2019-2021 cycle. As outlined in the May 2024 resolution, in order to regain full participation status in OGP, the Government of Sri Lanka had one year to either i) publish its action plan developed in line with OGP Participation and Co-Creation Standards; or ii) work with the Criteria and Standards Subcommittee and the OGP Support Unit to set a clear timeline to start a new action plan cycle and re-engage civil society for producing the new action plan.

As of this date, the Government of Sri Lanka has unfortunately not fulfilled these requirements. For this reason and acting in accordance with the OGP Articles of Governance, Sri Lanka is no longer considered an OGP participating country.

OGP recognizes and welcomes Sri Lanka's stated interest in rejoining the Partnership in the future. As with any withdrawn country, Sri Lanka may seek to rejoin the Partnership if it meets the eligibility criteria and undergoes a Steering Committee assessment. Any future application will be subject to a review of past challenges and the implementation of any corrective measures deemed necessary before reinstating its membership.

We hope that the Government of Sri Lanka, together with civil society dialogue and cooperation, will advance its transparency and openness agenda even outside of the OGP framework. Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Aidan Eyakuze Chief Executive Officer

