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Dear Open Government Partnership Co-Chairs,

Norway is pleased to submit its candidacy for the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Steering Committee for the 2025–2028 term. As a founding member, Norway has consistently supported the Partnership's vision of advancing transparency, accountability, public participation, and integrity in governance. We are ready to contribute actively to the strategic leadership of OGP at a time when the values underpinning open government are both under pressure and more relevant than ever.

Norway brings a long-standing and deeply rooted tradition of open government, grounded in democratic institutions, high levels of public trust, and a culture of transparency and dialogue. The right of access to public information is enshrined in our Constitution. Transparency and inclusivity are defining features of our governance model, supported by robust public consultation practices and broad participation in policy development.

Norway's national OGP efforts are led by the Ministry of Digitalisation and Public Governance, in close cooperation with civil society partners through our multi-stakeholder forum. Our current National Action Plan (2024–2027) is the result of joint development and reflects shared priorities such as enhancing transparency in public procurement, combating corruption, and promoting digital inclusion.

We believe OGP is a vital platform for promoting democratic resilience, inclusive governance, and cross-border learning. Citizens' expectations for transparency, participation, and accountability remain high, and open government provides a critical foundation for

building trust and legitimacy. As a Steering Committee member, Norway would bring a long-standing commitment to open government, grounded in practical experience and a values-based approach to public administration. We are eager to contribute to the future direction of the Partnership and to stand alongside other members in promoting democratic openness.

Should Norway be elected, we will appoint both a ministerial-level representative and a working-level representative from the Ministry of Digitalisation and Public Governance to ensure active and informed participation in the Steering Committee's work. Our candidacy is supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Norway is fully committed to fulfilling its responsibilities as a Steering Committee member. We will ensure appropriate and consistent representation at Steering Committee meetings and key OGP events.

We would be honoured to serve and look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the continued development and impact of the Open Government Partnership.

Yours sincerely,

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State Secretary

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