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The Honorable Levan Zhorzholiani,
Head of Administration
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Dear Mr. Zhorzholiani,

I am writing in follow up to our meeting from 4 September 2024. As discussed, we have conveyed the outcomes of our conversation to the Criteria & Standards (C&S) Subcommittee, which is responsible for overseeing the Response Policy case regarding the Government of Georgia.

After careful consideration, the C&S Subcommittee has determined that, given the developments in Georgia since the [Stage One Recommendations](#) were issued on May 6, 2024, and given the Government's request for a deadline extension and the delayed implementation of OGP's recommendations, it is not feasible to meet the original deadline of November 6, 2024.

Consequently, in accordance with the policy's procedures, the OGP Steering Committee has decided to advance the case to Stage Two of the Response Policy. This decision includes a temporary suspension of Georgia's participation in OGP until the concerns that prompted this action are adequately addressed. As outlined in the attached resolution, Georgia is invited to submit a work plan within the next six months, detailing clear milestones for implementation by December 31, 2025. In early 2026, the Steering Committee will review the progress made to determine whether Georgia will be reinstated as an active OGP member or if the suspension will become permanent. The Steering Committee also emphasized that, should the original concerns be adequately addressed at any point during the suspension period, Georgia's active status will be restored, and the Response Policy case will be closed.

I would like to reiterate the Steering Committee's commitment to supporting Georgia's continued engagement with OGP. We look forward to working closely with both the government and civil society stakeholders to achieve this.

Please feel free to reach out to the Support Unit if you have any questions about this process.

Sincerely,



Shreya Basu,
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