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### **H.E. Nir Barkhat**

Minister of Economy & Industry  
Government of Israel

Dear Minister Barkat,

Thank you for your letter dated 15 December 2025 regarding the 9th Open Government Partnership (OGP) Global Summit. I appreciate you taking the time to convey the Government of Israel's views and concerns.

OGP places great importance on openness, inclusivity, and dialogue within and between its members, and we recognize Israel's longstanding engagement with the Partnership. We also acknowledge the unique prevailing context and the broader sensitivities surrounding it.

The organization of the OGP Global Summit is undertaken by the lead co-chair and host government. It is subject to logistical, legal, and diplomatic considerations specific to the host country. While cognizant of the OGP principles, the OGP Summit host country retains the right to reflect its own foreign and diplomatic policy in engaging with OGP member countries. The Support Unit's (SU) role is to support the host in the overall organisation of the event, and ensuring it delivers on partnership-wide priorities.

We have shared your concerns with the Leadership Subcommittee, who will carefully consider the points raised and any implications for future events. We remain committed to engaging with OGP members in a manner consistent with the Partnership's principles and governance framework. The SU will continue to seek ways to preserve space for dialogue and cooperation within OGP, including through ongoing engagement beyond the Summit.

Thank you again for sharing your perspective. We look forward to maintaining open channels of communication.

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer  
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