



The Administrator

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Dear Mr. Eyakuze, Members of the Board, and Members of the Steering Committee:

That government is accountable to the people is a core American value enshrined in our founding documents. However, we have concluded that our continued participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP) has become at best ineffective and at worst detrimental to advancing these principles. The United States therefore withdraws its membership from OGP, effective immediately. Our reasons are as follows:

First, the United States strictly opposes participation in any body that seeks to erode U.S. national sovereignty—or suggest it is accountable to anyone other than its citizens. We firmly reject the notion that OGP, any other international body, or any unelected non-governmental organization has any authority whatsoever to dictate policy requirements, censor the speech of Americans or pass judgment upon the elected Government of the United States. To accept this would be antithetical to American constitutional democracy.

Second, the United States cannot tolerate OGP's embrace of divisive ideological agendas. Racial identity politics, anti-police bias, LGBTQ+ advocacy, feminism, and climate alarmism have increasingly dominated OGP's policy agenda. These divisive agendas, driven by extreme ideological cliques, have destroyed the ability of OGP to credibly operate as a voice for transparency. Instead, OGP has become complicit in the suppression of genuine debate and inquiry into harms of experimental gender "treatments" on minors and the destruction wrought by mass migration across the world.

Third, OGP is demonstrably ineffective in its stated mission. It has become a platform for governments around the world to project the illusion of reform while failing to implement any meaningful improvements in governance. Many of your member nations show little evidence of any genuine commitment to democratic principles. The United States' continued participation in OGP would amount to a tacit endorsement of this ineffectual status quo.

Fourth, the U.S. Government is committed to fighting waste, fraud, and abuse of public funds. We have an obligation to ensure that every tax dollar spent ultimately benefits our citizens. To date, American taxpayers have contributed more than \$5.6 million to OGP through USAID and the U.S. Department of State. This outlay has produced no significant benefits for the American people.

The United States is committed to transparency and accountability but cannot support an organization that wastes money, promotes harmful ideological agendas, and degrades American sovereignty and democratic integrity. By withdrawing from OGP, we reaffirm our dedication to American values and priorities.

Sincerely,



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Administrator