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The Honorable Nir Barkat
Minister of Economy and Industry
Government of Israel

Dear Minister Barkat,

We acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 1 February 2026 notifying the Open Government Partnership of the Government of Israel's decision to withdraw from the Partnership.

The OGP was founded as a voluntary, country-led partnership grounded in respect for democratic governance, constitutional traditions, and national sovereignty. OGP does not exercise authority over national policy, nor does it prescribe an ideology. Rather, it provides a public platform through which governments, working with the citizens to whom they are accountable, define and deliver on their own priorities to strengthen transparency, integrity, and trust.

We further note that the OGP Support Unit sent a [letter](#) to the government of Israel on 22 January 2026, providing clarification regarding the Government of Spain's decision related to the 9th OGP Global Summit and the notification of this matter to the OGP's Leadership Subcommittee for consideration for future events.

We also wish to make a factual clarification regarding the Response Policy. At the time referenced in your letter, the matter was at an earlier procedural stage than suggested. As outlined in our [letter](#) of 5 November 2025, the technical eligibility review did not assess the merits of the Letter of Concern. It formally invited the Government of Israel to submit a written response, which would have constituted a key input—alongside other sources—into a review by the Criteria and Standards Subcommittee.

We appreciate Israel's active participation and contributions to OGP since joining the Partnership in 2011, and acknowledge the reforms advanced through the four OGP Action Plans it has co-created.

OGP remains committed to its mission and values and to the global community of reformers advancing open government principles. While Israel will no longer participate as a member government, our doors remain open to all open government reformers in Israel who wish to engage in and benefit from the tangible value of this work.

Yours sincerely,



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