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

I am writing to formally inform you that Georgia has been permanently withdrawn from the Open Government Partnership (OGP), effective 14 April 2026. This decision was taken by the OGP Steering Committee in accordance with the OGP Response Policy. The relevant resolution is enclosed for your reference.

As outlined in the Steering Committee's resolution of 14 October 2024 (enclosed), and our subsequent correspondence of 15 May 2025 and 3 November 2025, the Government of Georgia was invited to develop a work plan addressing the Steering Committee's recommendations under the Response Policy. The Government was also invited to provide updates on progress made toward addressing these recommendations by 31 December 2025, for the consideration of the Steering Committee when assessing Georgia's participation status in OGP.

In the absence of a formal response, work plan, or supporting documentation from the Government of Georgia within the indicated timeframe, the Steering Committee proceeded on the basis of available information, including independent third-party evaluations. These assessments point to continued legislative and institutional developments that restrict the operating environment for civil society and media, alongside ongoing concerns regarding the protection of fundamental freedoms (assessment report enclosed for your reference).

On this basis, and in accordance with the Response Policy, the Steering Committee has determined that the conditions for reinstatement have not been met. As a result, Georgia's temporary suspension from the Partnership has therefore transitioned to permanent, and the Response Policy process concerning Georgia is now closed.

Georgia may seek to rejoin OGP in the future. Any such request would be considered in line with the OGP Eligibility Criteria and Values Check, and would require approval by the Steering Committee.

Sincerely,



Aidan Eyakuze
Chief Executive Officer
Open Government Partnership