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Subject: Support for the Continued Participation of Vanadzor Municipality in the Open Government Partnership Local Initiative

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in my capacity as the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Point of Contact for Armenia and Head of the Participatory and Open Governance Department of the Prime Minister's Office of the Republic of Armenia.

I would like to express my strong support for Vanadzor Municipality's continued participation in the Open Government Partnership Local initiative.

Since joining the OGP Local program in 2020, Vanadzor has demonstrated a consistent commitment to advancing open government principles at the local level. Within the framework of its 2021–2025 Action Plan, the municipality has successfully implemented its commitments, contributing to the localization of transparency, accountability, and participatory governance in municipal processes.

In particular, Vanadzor has made tangible progress in:

- Strengthening participatory governance mechanisms at the community level, including more structured engagement of citizens in local decision-making;
- Advancing transparency and accountability practices within municipal governance;
- Improving communication and interaction channels between the municipality and residents;
- Promoting a culture of integrity and openness in local public administration.

These efforts reflect a meaningful shift toward more inclusive, responsive, and citizen-centered local governance, in line with Armenia's broader open government agenda.

Vanadzor's continued engagement in the OGP Local initiative will further reinforce these achievements, support the introduction of innovative governance tools, and strengthen democratic practices at the local level.

The Government of the Republic of Armenia highly values such leadership at the municipal level and encourages the continuation and expansion of Vanadzor's open government commitments in the upcoming cycle.

Please accept this letter as an expression of our full institutional support for Vanadzor Municipality's continued participation in the Open Government Partnership Local initiative.

Sincerely,

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