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Dear Mr. Huseynov,

I am writing to provide you an update of the current status of Azerbaijan's participation in OGP. As the ministerial representative for OGP, you would be well aware, Azerbaijan is currently under "suspended" status in OGP pursuant to the 2018 resolution of the OGP Steering Committee.

We are encouraged to see that Azerbaijan has so far acted in accordance with the resolution and met the milestones outlined therein. In line with the resolution, Azerbaijan should complete the implementation of its current OGP action plan by the end of August 2021.

Consistent with the OGP process for all participants, the Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) will provide an assessment of the implementation of commitments adopted by Azerbaijan in its action plan. Per the IRM review schedule, this assessment will take place in 2022.

The findings of the IRM assessment will be considered by the Steering Committee to determine the progress of the action plan and whether it has adequately addressed the civic space constraints that led to Azerbaijan's temporary suspension. Azerbaijan's participation status in OGP will be reviewed by the Steering Committee at that time.

Until then, Azerbaijan will continue to remain in suspended status. During this period, the Steering Committee and Support Unit are available to provide any assistance needed for implementation of the action plan, including commitments aimed at addressing civic space constraints.

Representatives from the OGP Steering Committee and Support Unit are available to organize an online meeting with you and other government representatives to discuss any developments and support needs in this regard.

Best wishes,



Sanjay Pradhan
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Hikmat Hajiyev, Head of Foreign Policy Affairs, Presidential Administration, Republic of Azerbaijan