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Dimitris Papastergiou
Minister of Digital Governance
Government of Greece

Dear Minister Papastergiou,

We welcome the Government of Greece's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), a global initiative encompassing 76 countries and 150 local governments dedicated to advancing transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in policy making.

I'm writing to inform you of Greece's participation status in OGP. Central to participation in OGP is the timely co-creation of an action plan by each member government, outlining specific open government reforms consistent with OGP Participation and Co-Creation Standards. As you are aware, in February 2021, the Government of Greece was placed under Procedural Review due to acting contrary to the OGP process in two consecutive action plan cycles (not delivering an action plan in 2018 and failing to meet minimum co-creation requirements in its 2019-22 action plan). Furthermore, while under a grace period, the Government of Greece did not meet minimum co-creation requirements for its 2022-2024 action plan, as assessed by the Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) in its Action Plan Review report.

Accordingly, in line with the fair and consistent approach to upholding OGP requirements for all participating countries, the Criteria & Standards Subcommittee has resolved to continue to maintain the Government of Greece under Procedural Review until the IRM confirms compliance with minimum implementation requirements in its 2022-2024 action plan. This assessment will be part of the Action Plan Results Report, to be published within four months after completing implementation of the plan. Failure to meet the minimum requirements or adhere to the OGP process in any other way (e.g. missing the deadline to deliver its new action plan), may lead to a recommendation to the full Steering Committee to designate the Government of Greece as inactive.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you during the implementation of your current action plan and the development of your next one to make sure all requirements are met.

Yours sincerely,

Sanjay Pradhan Chief Executive Officer

