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**SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR CANDIDATURE FOR THE OPEN  
GOVERNMENT STEERING COMMITTEE, 2024**

Honorable Members of the OGP Steering Committee,

The Government of the Kingdom of Morocco, through the Ministry of Digital Transition and Administrative Reform, has the honor to submit its candidacy for the second mandate for a seat on the Open Government Partnership Steering Committee.

Since joining the OGP initiative in 2018, the Kingdom of Morocco has been committed to implementing the principles of Open Government, which are deeply embedded in its national legal framework. Morocco has consistently worked to promote transparency, citizen participation, and accountability through inclusive and participatory methodologies. It has adopted an inclusive and participatory approach and methodologies in developing National Action Plans (NAPs).

In this context, Morocco has achieved noteworthy results across three levels of engagement. At the level of central government, 40 commitments have been fulfilled through two action plans (NAP1 2018-2020 and NAP2 2021-2023), and its third NAP will cover the period 2024-2027 and include 12 commitments.

At the level of Parliament, 18 commitments have been completed through two action plans (NAP1 2019-2020 and NAP2 2021-2023). Morocco is now preparing its third Open Parliament Action Plan.

At the level of local authorities, considerable achievements have been made. In addition to the Tangier-Tetouan-Al Hoceima Region, which was the first one to join the local OGP initiative in the MENA region in October 2020, five other regions and two municipalities are actively participating in the program.

To institutionalize openness at the local level and promote exchange between local authorities and civil society, the Ministry of the Interior, represented by the Directorate General of Local collectivities, has implemented the Open Local Government Support



Program (PACTO). This initiative, deemed inspiring, earned Morocco an "Honorable Mention" at the 8th OGP Global Summit held on September 6-7, 2023, in Tallinn, Estonia. PACTO aims to achieve three main outcomes: strengthening trust between citizens and their local institutions, enabling citizens to be involved in identifying needs and actively participating in finding solutions, and improving the quality of public services and territorial development projects and programs.

In 2022, Morocco had the honor of hosting the OGP Africa and Middle East Regional Meeting in Marrakech. This event brought together over 500 open government leaders and stakeholders from more than 50 countries. The regional meeting featured sessions focused on leveraging open government approaches to enhance public service delivery in the region by combating corruption, adopting digital innovations, improving access to justice, and fostering civic participation. This gathering underscored Morocco's commitment to accelerating sustainable development and economic recovery in Africa through open government initiatives.

Morocco's proven potential and commitment to the OGP is not just about fulfilling national goals, it is rather about contributing to the global movement for democratic governance. Its stable political environment and ability to mobilize peers around strategic objectives make of Morocco a strong candidate for the OGP Steering Committee. Morocco aims to leverage its experience to galvanize the African continent and the MENA region, promoting a collective dynamic and encouraging the exchange of best practices.

Morocco is particularly keen to contribute to the achievement of the five strategic objectives of the OGP 2023-2028 Strategy. Its goal is to ensure that the values of Open Government transcend institutional frameworks and become genuine citizens' rights, leading to good governance and full social inclusion. By fostering strong collaboration with all OGP member states, Morocco aspires to drive forward reforms that enhance civic space and democratic governance.

The Government of the Kingdom of Morocco would welcome the opportunity to continuing its active participation in the OGP steering committee and contribution to the Open Government Partnership, as a member of the OGP for a second term, leveraging its experience to further the global movement for transparent, participatory, and accountable governance.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

**General Secretary**  
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