



September 21, 2017

H.E Serdar Kılıç
Ambassador of Turkey to the United States of America
Republic of Turkey

Dear Ambassador Serdar Kılıç,

On behalf of the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Steering Committee, I regretfully inform you that the Government of Turkey will no longer be considered an OGP participating country effective as of September 21, 2017. This follows the OGP Steering Committee's decision on September 21, 2016 to place Turkey in inactive status for up to a year due to failure to deliver a National Action Plan since 2014. A copy of the resolution is enclosed for your reference.

In order to regain full participation status, the resolution requested the Government of Turkey to, within a year, publish a National Action Plan developed in consultation with citizens and civil society; or work with the Criteria and Standards subcommittee and the Support Unit to set a clear timeline to start a new National Action Plan cycle and re-engage with civil society for co-creating the new plan.

In the last twelve months the Government of Turkey did not engage with the OGP Steering Committee, and did not publish a new National Action Plan. Therefore, as outlined in the current OGP rules, the OGP Steering Committee has instructed the OGP Support Unit to end Turkey's inactive status and its participation in OGP.

We hope the Government of Turkey will consider taking steps to advance transparency, increase dialogue and cooperation with civil society, strengthen democracy, and foster an open environment for civil society to operate in the future.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sanjay Pradhan".

Sanjay Pradhan
Chief Executive Officer
Open Government Partnership