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Italy is especially pleased to fully endorse the Open Government Partnership (OGP) initiative. In fact, our Country has already taken important steps and achieved significant results in line with the guiding principles of open government.

We strive to continue to pursue the goals of promoting transparency, accountability, modernization and citizen participation, and are firmly convinced that the cultural challenges that Governments face in this regard are best addressed in a broader context of exchange and international benchmarking.

For these reasons we are eager to join the OGP and participate as members. We will sustain the initiative through the adoption of a country action plan and the additional elements of peer consultations and independent reporting mechanisms, and will gladly contribute with our own experiences.

Looking forward to continuing our exchanges on these topics, I would like to take this opportunity to send you my most cordial regards.

Sincerely yours

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