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Mr. Warren Krafchik
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Dear Open Government Partnership Co-Chairs,

At a recent meeting, the Irish Government agreed that I should issue a letter of intent to the Open Government Partnership Steering Committee, on behalf of Ireland, to join the Open Government Partnership (OGP).

The objectives of the OGP are closely aligned with a number of significant measures in the Government's programme to increase the openness and transparency of public governance in Ireland.

As you are aware, Ireland has a long history of involvement in initiatives that seek to encourage transparency and open government. Ireland also participates at EU level and within the OSCE, OECD, Council of Europe and United Nations framework initiatives to promote transparency and anti-corruption measures.

Ireland meets the eligibility criteria to participate in OGP and is strongly committed to the principles underlying the establishment of the OGP.

I very much look forward to working with you and other participants and national stakeholders within the OGP framework for Ireland to meet the five common expectations of OGP participation.

Yours sincerely,



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