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Jean- Vincent Place,
Secretary of State for Reform and Simplification,
Government of France.

RE: A LETTER FROM DR. AUGUSTINE P. MAHIGA THE MINISTER
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND EAST AFRICAN COOPERATION OF THE
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter from Dr. Augustine P. Mahiga
regarding withdraw of Tanzania Membership to the Open Government
Partnership (OGP).

Thank you for your Cooperation.

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Jean-Vincent Place,
Secretary of State for State Reform and Simplification,
Government of France.

Theo Tsirulidze,
Minister of Justice,
Government of Georgia.

Mavlak Barba
Executive Vice President and Managing Director,
World Resources Institute.

Mukensi Dimba
Executive Director,
Open Democracy Advice Centre.

Dear Co-Chairs,

The United Republic of Tanzania joined the Open Government Partnership (OGP) in September 2011, with the aim of promoting transparency, accountability, citizens' participation and technology and innovation. We have since remained active participants, where in collaboration with the Civil Society we developed and implemented two national action plans. The first covering 2012/13 to 2013/14 and the second one covering 2014/15 to 2016/17.

Mindful of this, Tanzania continues to put in place various policy and initiatives focusing on enhancing open government priority areas of open budget, open data, transparency in land, extractive industries, medical and health services and improved performance management system for service delivery. The government has recently enacted the Access to Information Act of 2015, which promotes increased access to information and disclosure about government
activities at every level of the government. The government has also developed an Open Data Portal (www.opendata.go.tz) which provides access to the public on priority sectors including Education, Water, Health and others.

Tanzania is also a member of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), which advocates for similar objectives as that of the OGP. We believe that, membership to different initiatives with similar objectives may hinder our effective participation.

With this reason, I would like to inform you that the government of the United Republic of Tanzania has decided to withdraw its membership to the OGP initiative, effectively from 1st July 2017. However, while ceasing its membership to OGP, Tanzania will remain committed to the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM).

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signature]

Ambassador Dr. Augustine P. Mahiga (MP)

MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND PAST AFRICAN COOPERATION