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**August 17, 2017**

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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For: Ambassador

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✓ **Jean-Vincent Placé,**  
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**Manish Bapna,**  
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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 2016/16.

Mindful to 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 2016, 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



Ambassador Dr. Augustine P. Mahiga (MP)

**MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND EAST AFRICAN COOPERATION**