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Secretary
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DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

To: Prime Minister

PMO
Mr Clarke
s22

FORMALISING OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP

Recommendation(s) - that you:

1. sign the attached letter finalising the Australian Government's membership of the Open Government Partnership at Attachment A.

Signed / Not Signed

MALCOLM TURNBULL

Date:

Comments:

Key Points:

1. On 8 October 2015, you agreed in principle to formalise Australian Government membership of the Open Government Partnership (OGP) s34(3) s34(3) (B15/2135 refers).
2. s34(3)
3. To formalise Australia's membership, you are required to write to the co-chairs of the OGP. A draft letter is provided at Attachment A for your signature, as already approved in the original brief (B15/2135).

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13 November 2015

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ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A DRAFT LETTER TO OGP CO-CHAIRS

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ATTACHMENT A

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Reference: B15/2498

Open Government Partnership
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Dear Open Government Partnership Co-Chairs

I am writing to advise that the Australian Government will finalise Australia's membership with the Open Government Partnership.

Over the coming months the Government will work with civil society to develop the Australian Government's National Action Plan to be submitted by 1 July 2016 as agreed with the OGP Support Unit.

The goals of the partnership directly align with Australia's long and proud tradition of open and transparent government.

We look forward to being an active member of the partnership.

Yours sincerely

MALCOLM TURNBULL