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Dear Ines,

Thank you for the mail. My apologies for not sending the feedback on the due date. I would like to request for a three week extension. As you are aware, we are in a transition in the secretariat with the appointment of a new NC.

Also, we are still without a NSWG. Although I am aware of renewed efforts to address this issue in the no distant future. We couldn't conduct a gap analysis workshop because of the Covid 19 restriction and lack of an MSG.

But we are working on conducting the workshop in the coming weeks before the expiration of the extension if granted.

We are counting on your support for Nigeria to be granted the extension.

Please accept the assurance of my NC, Dr Orji who is also copied

Regards.

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Dear Dieter,

I am writing to follow up on the feedback on our draft initial assessment. We understand that efforts are underway to reconstitute the NSWG and that the circumstances might make stakeholder consultation challenging at the moment. Given that we are past 1 March, let us know if it would be helpful with a call the coming days to discuss the assessment and feedback, or if it is worth considering requesting an extension to allow you to undertake further stakeholder consultations.

Best regards,
Ines

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Dear Dieter,

Hope this meets you well. Please find attached the draft summary initial assessment by the International Secretariat for requirement 2.5 (Beneficial Ownership) of the EITI Standard in word and PDF versions. We would be grateful if you could share the assessment with the MSG (or relevant stakeholders in the absence of an MSG) for review and comments. We recognise that these are exceptional circumstances, we thus wish to state that we are available to have a call with you once you review the assessment and wish to discuss any aspect with us before you provide comments. Please feel free to advise on adequate time that suits you.

As you will see from the draft document, the assessment recognizes the achievements around establishing a clear government policy and legal basis for beneficial ownership disclosure. The main area pointed out for potential improvement is the assessment by stakeholders of the comprehensiveness and reliability as well as plans to overcome gaps or weaknesses in reporting.

To make the most of the Validation process to help address these issues, as we had earlier suggested, NEITI could consider organising some stakeholder consultations or sessions with relevant stakeholders to discuss the comprehensiveness and reliability of disclosures gaps and propose a plan to overcome any gaps. We are also available to join the discussion should you find it useful. In addition to the key government agencies, we are conscious that there are several partners involved in supporting BOT reforms such as OGP and OpenOwnership, who we are sure would be available to support this. We'd of course be available to contribute to any consultations or sessions with stakeholders if you'd consider this helpful.

The MSG/Stakeholders are invited to comment on the draft assessment **by Monday 1 March**. The International Secretariat will review these comments before preparing the final assessment. The comments will also be provided to the EITI Board's Validation Committee. We would ask that you kindly consolidate comments from all stakeholders into a single email to ensure the International Secretariat takes account of all stakeholder comments. If you'd like to co-organise any stakeholder consultations and more time would be required for feedback, please let us know.

Please don't hesitate to revert to us should you have any questions about the process.

Best regards,
Murjana and the team

