

Validation of Kazakhstan

Response to MSG Feedback

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General comments

The National Stakeholder Council (NSC) of the Republic of Kazakhstan provided a written commentary on the initial data collection report (but not on the draft validation report). This commentary made seventeen references to the initial data collection report. In only two cases were the comments directed at requirements that were not already assessed as satisfactory.

As outlined below, the NSC did not provide new information that would lead the Validator to substantially change our assessment.

4.9 Data quality

Having considered the comments from the NSC and additional information received from the International Secretariat regarding the lack of issuance of the inception report and other relevant information as per the agreed ToR, ratified by the Independent Administrator, we confirm our assessment on 4.9 that the country has made meaningful progress in respect of the 2015 EITI Report.

6.1 Social expenditures

Having reviewed the comments from the NSC and additional information received from the International Secretariat in respect of the non-clarity and/or inadequate differentiation of the data on social expenditure and infrastructure of the 2015 EITI Report and related information provided, we confirm our assessment on 6.1 that the Republic of Kazakhstan has made meaningful progress.