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To: The Lead Stewards of the Open Data Charter

Subject: Endorsement of the International Open Data Charter

Dear Lead Stewards,

The World Wide Web Foundation has been committed to the principles of the International Open Data Charter even since before its inception. The Foundation has a long track record of advocacy for open data, including research, standards and innovation.

We have been involved in the Charter process since its original inception as part of our work as co-anchors of the OGP Open Data Working Group and have had the pleasure to serve as a Lead Steward of the Charter since the group was formed.

As Sir Tim Berners-Lee, the Foundation's founder, recently said: "To achieve the goals of sustainable development, critical data must be open and available for reuse by anyone, anywhere, anytime. The International Open Data Charter has the potential to accelerate progress by placing actionable data in the hands of people."

I am delighted to hereby formally endorse the Charter and confirm the Web Foundation will continue participating as a Lead Steward to make the Charter the strongest possible tool for society.

Sincerely,

Anne Jellema, CEO, World Wide Web Foundation