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To the
UN DPI Safeguards Secretariat
United Nations
New York City, NY.

Ref: Commitment letter from the Ministry of Public Administration of the Dominican Republic to the Universal DPI Safeguards Framework

Dear Universal DPI Safeguards Secretariat Representatives,

The Dominican Republic recognizes the transformative potential of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) to accelerate progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as reflected in the Global Digital Compact adopted by United Nations Member States. At the same time, we recognize that DPI, if not designed, implemented, and governed responsibly, can introduce or amplify risks to safety, inclusion, privacy, and equity.

As the Dominican Republic continues to expand its DPI ecosystem, it is essential that our foundational digital systems are designed and operated with appropriate safeguards from the outset. This is particularly important for three key components of our national digital public infrastructure:

- **The Plataforma Única de Interoperabilidad**, the Dominican Republic’s National Interoperability Platform, operated using X-ROAD technology within the framework established by Decree No. 403-26, which establishes the National Framework for Interoperability and Data Governance of the Public Administration;
- **Cuenta Única**, the government’s shared digital identity and authentication infrastructure, designed to provide citizens with a secure and consistent mechanism to access digital public services; and
- **Carpeta Ciudadana**, the citizen-facing digital wallet within the Soy Yo RD platform, which is currently piloting the use of verifiable credentials.

Together, these systems provide foundational capabilities for secure data exchange, digital identity and authentication, and citizen-controlled digital credentials. They are intended to enable a more integrated, proactive, and citizen-centered digital government. Ensuring that they are safe, inclusive, trustworthy, and rights-respecting is therefore fundamental to realizing their potential to generate public value and contribute to the achievement of the SDGs.

In this context, the Ministry of Public Administration (MAP), as the governing body responsible for digital transformation, public services, data exchange and governance policy in the Dominican Republic, commits to adopting and applying the Universal DPI Safeguards Framework to these three systems, which are technically implemented and operated by our dependency, the Government Office of Information and Communication Technologies (OGTIC).

The Universal DPI Safeguards Framework was developed through the DPI Safeguards initiative, a global multi-stakeholder effort convened and supported by the United Nations Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies

(ODET) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The Framework recognizes that appropriate safeguards are essential to mitigating both emerging risks and existing structural vulnerabilities associated with digital transformation, at the individual and societal levels, while fostering trust, inclusion, equity, and progress toward the SDGs. As part of this commitment, we will:

- Apply the relevant Universal DPI Safeguards principles throughout the appropriate stages of the lifecycle of each DPI implementation, in alignment with the Dominican Republic's own DPI Safeguards Action Plan 2025–2026 and applicable national policies and regulatory frameworks.
- Promote meaningful and sustained multi-stakeholder engagement throughout the DPI lifecycle, including the participation of civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders, with particular attention to the design and implementation stages, when critical choices affecting safety, inclusion, accessibility, and rights are made.
- Strengthen the capacity of public officials and institutions to identify, assess, mitigate, and respond proactively to potential risks, including through effective grievance and redress mechanisms that are accessible to citizens and responsive to their needs.
- Enable responsible ecosystem innovation around digital public infrastructure, ensuring that public digital systems can support the development of services and solutions that generate societal value, strengthen inclusion, and contribute to progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals.

Through this letter, we designate Ginsy Aguilera, Director of Digital Government, as the focal point for this commitment.

We look forward to engaging with the Universal DPI Safeguards Secretariat, as we translate these commitments into practice. We also welcome the opportunity to share lessons and experiences from the Dominican Republic with other countries and DPI implementation initiatives, contributing to the growing global community working to ensure that digital public infrastructure is safe, inclusive, trusted, and designed to serve the public interest.

Sincerely,

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CC: Julia Sánchez, United Nations Resident Coordinator, Dominican Republic

CC: Ana María Díaz, UNDP Resident Representative, Dominican Republic