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H.E. António Guterres Secretary-General United Nations New York, NY 10017 USA

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that AFS Intercultural Programs Finland supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to support the Global Compact advancing these principles, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We also pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following way(s):

- We are committed to the 10 principles and will actively add those on our agenda when engaging with our various stakeholders: exchange students, host families and volunteers.
- We will look into proposing and implementing partnerships on corporate sustainability and will engage with other stakeholders.
- We will support UN Global Compact business participants as they implement and report on their sustainability efforts.
- We will engage with Global Compact Local Networks. We look forward to being an active participant in the Finland network.
- We will join and/or support issue platforms and workstreams when suitable to our field (eg intercultural education)

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organization's efforts to support the implementation of the ten principles and to engage with the Global Compact.

We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within two years of joining the Global Compact and every two years thereafter according to the Global Compact COE policy.

Sincerely yours,

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