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The Global Compact is the world's largest and most important CSR alliance and works in support of a more sustainable and more inclusive global economy. Voluntary orientation towards the 10 principles of the Global Compact is of fundamental importance in terms of achieving specific progress through upholding human rights, implementing international working standards, protecting the environment and preventing corruption.

Volkswagen AG joined the Global Compact in 2002 at the Sustainability Summit in Johannesburg. Ten years on, we are renewing our commitment and continuing to support the 10 principles by also exerting our influence in the numerous countries where Volkswagen has sites and providing our expertise to enable others to implement the Global Compact goals.

Detailed information about CSR/Sustainability and how the Global Compact Principles are implemented is published in our Sustainability Report 2011. The entire content of the printed report is also online available at our website www.volkswagenag.com/sustainability and http://www.nachhaltigkeitsbericht2011.volkswagenag.com/.

Because sustainability calls for transparency, we have had our Sustainability Report checked in conformity with the AA1000AS standard by an independent audit firm. Moreover the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) awarded it with the highest Application Level "A+". Based on the use of GRI indicators in our report, we listed the corresponding Global Compact Principles on pages 98 and 99 of the report.

Again this year Volkswagen did a major step forward in implementing the Global Compact Principles and further sustainability subjects. But there is still a lot to be done on our way to become the world's most successful and fascinating automobile manufacturer by 2018 – and the leading light when it comes to sustainability.

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