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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 Georgian American University (GAU) 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):

- President participates as a member of the UNGC local steering committee
- Where applicable, university lecturers and stall will conduct applied research and thought leadership to advance best practices.
- GAU will promote the UN Global Compact Ten Principles and educate a variety of audiences about sustainability.
- GAU through its CSR activities and through its membership in the American Chamber of Commerce in Georgia will lend capacity to the local GC Network.

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.

We sincerely regret the lapse of our reporting which was caused by a problem with the loss of and then obtaining a new password, as well as a change in roles and responsibilities for UNGC within the University. Those anomalies have been rectified and we assume no similar problems will occur in the future.

Sincerely yours,

R. Michael Cowgill

President