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"SAIL OF HOPE"
NGO with Special consultative status in ECOSOC UN (since 2002)
Member of UN Global Compact
Member of CIVICUS
Member of Global Water Partnership(GWP)
Member of Russian Working Group C20/CivilBRICS*

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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 Interregional Public Charitable Organization of Assistance to Persons with Disabilities "Sail of Hope" 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 ways:

- propose and implement partnerships on corporate sustainability and engage with other stakeholders;
- support UN Global Compact business participants as they implement and report on their sustainability efforts;
- engage with Global Compact Local Networks.
- join and/or support issue platforms and workstreams.

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.

At the same time, permit me to give a brief explanation for our organization's failure to submit a COE by the required deadline.

- First of all, and this is the main reason: I applied for username and password several times, and there was no a single reply.
- Unfortunately, financial situation of Russian NGOs in general, is not very good, that's why we have not enough people in staff; plus to this, it was summer, and the only person who could do that was me.
- Since I have a handicapped son, I had to be with him on special treatment, I personally couldn't do a report in time.

You are kindly requested, dear Mr. Secretary General, to understand this situation and the great importance for our organization to stay in Global Compact, specially in Russia! We must continue to help our Russian business to learn how to follow GC 10 principles, because in comparison to the other countries, this is a very new idea for Russia of great importance.

We wish you great success in your very difficult, but noble cause, for the better life of all nations.

Sincerely yours,



Larisa Zelentsova, President