

Letter of Recommitment



April 17, 2018
H.E. António Guterres
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, NY 10017
USA

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that China National Textile and Apparel Council (CNTAC) 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.

CNTAC was the first industrial association that has joined the GC in 2008, and it has also been one of the most active and firm supporters of the GC in China over the past decade. Besides participating in several GC Summit meetings since 2005, CNTAC has been collaborating with the GC China Network, as well as the headquarters in many different projects.

We also pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following ways:

- a. Since 2005, we have developed and implemented CSC9000T which functions as the first sustainability standard in China to offer instructions for Chinese companies in textile and apparel sector in terms of responsible manufacturing and sourcing. Until now more than 300 companies have embedded CSC9000T aiming to improve their sustainability performances on labor and human rights, anti-corruption, transparency and their internal management capacity. In recent years, more emerging focuses are integral in the revised CSC9000T such as climate change, responsible investments overseas as well as new methodology are introduced including supply chain due diligence. These efforts play significant role in transforming a traditionally low-cost based sector to a more inclusive and sustainable development path.
- b. In the past years, more than 10,000 trainings on responsible business conduct and sustainability have been provided by CNTAC to Chinese businesses, NGOs and government officials, in partnership with Global Compact China Network and other public and private sector actors. We have been working on key areas such

- as work hours, wages and pay, social assurance, student workers, gender equality and women empowerment which are big challenges and also important tasks supporting and realizing the ten principles of Global Compact values.
- c. We have also been working with many other industry associations in China to help develop their social responsibility or sustainability guidance or standards, including such sectors as international contractors, ITC, automobile, forestry, agriculture, and mining. In the past decade, CNTAC has been an expertise and knowledge hub for all other Chinese business associations.
 - d. We put stress on promoting policy changes in social responsibility and sustainability. Various surveys have been conducted and the key findings have become proposals to the National People's Congress (NPC) or guidance of various ministries, which has made it more effective to engage with policy-makers and other key stakeholders to advance various public policy issues. Throughout the continuous endeavors, many recommendations are already shift into practices.

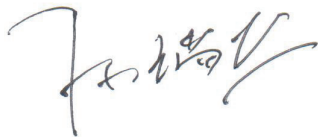
We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organization's efforts to support the implementation of the ten principles and to engage with the Global Compact.

CNTAC started to issue annual report on social responsibility from 2006, and is the only non-profit organization that has publishes such report for successive 12 years in China. It might be our negligence not submitting the reports as COP in the past years that has resulted in this situation, but please believe that CNTAC is and will be a persistent supporter of the GC. We firmly 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 will appreciate that if CNTAC can be relisted as an honorable participant of the GC.

Sincerely yours,

Sun Ruizhe



President

China National Textile and Apparel Council