

Letter of Recommitment



23 January 2019

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

Dear Mr Secretary General,

The Ethics Centre is pleased to recommit to the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) and its Ten Principles in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

The Ethics Centre became a signatory to the UN Global Compact in 2008. Its most recent Communication of Engagement covered the period November 1, 2013 – October 31, 2015.

Correspondence with the United Nations indicated that The Ethics Centre's next Communication on Engagement was due 12 December, 2018. This report was drafted and ready to be signed-off and submitted to deadline, but staff turnover in December 2018 presented unforeseen delays to this process. The Ethics Centre remains firmly committed to advancing the goals of the UNGC and deeply regrets that its failure to submit its Communication of Engagement has led to it being listed as expelled from the institution.

The Ethics Centre is a small NGO with minimal resources. We request that the United Nations consider our circumstances and accept our request to re-join this important institution. In the capacity of an advisory and educational institution, a business association, and a media and events platform, we pledge to advance the goals of the UNGC throughout our spheres of influence. We also pledge to maintain involvement with the Global Compact Australia Network's events, and to reporting on our engagement with the UNGC.

Our Communication on Engagement for the period November 1, 2015 – August 31, 2018 is ready to be submitted, and summarises the key practical actions that The Ethics Centre has taken to support the Global Compact principles and engage with the initiative.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Simon Longstaff AO
Executive Director