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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 Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" continues to support the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. With this recommitment, we express our 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:

- Conduct applied research and thought leadership to advance best practices.
- Promote the UN Global Compact Ten Principles and educate a variety of audiences about sustainability.
- Support UN Global Compact business participants in implementing and reporting on their sustainability efforts.
- Lend capacity to Global Compact Local Network Bulgaria and/or the UN Global Compact in New York.
- Join the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) for more information

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 attach our report for the years 2017-2018 and 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. Unfortunately, due to various internal staff replacement and re-distribution of duties, our University failed to deliver its progress report on time in the last reporting period. Today, I'm proud to declare that we have finalized the formation of our new internal team and have accepted a clear plan for future activities in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. We recognize our role and take responsibility in assisting the business to achieve them.

Sincerely yours,



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