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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that Global Women's Social Enterprise supports the ten principles of the Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption by means of a strong responsibility in implementing them through our activities. With this communication, we express our intent to advance those principles within our sphere of influence. As a matter of fact, we are committed to making the UNGC and its principles part of the strategy, culture and day-to-day operations of our organization, and to engaging in collaborative projects which advance the broader development goals of the United Nations, particularly the Sustainable Development Goals.

GWSE was born to provide to women and girls in developing countries, notably in Africa and India, the possibility to succeed and be the architect of their own future. In order to achieve this purpose, we are establishing projects focused on education, social entrepreneurship and empowerment. The implementation of the educational area originally started with reading activities for young women in Kenya to help them improve their educational status. The project progressed and evolved since today under the name of STEAM, pursuing the aim to engage more girls in scientific and artistic subjects and give them the tools to develop a critical thinking attitude. Correspondingly, the will to make available to women the tools to sustain and empower themselves economically through social entrepreneurship activities lead to the creation of the SocEnt (Social Entrepreneurship Development) project. The aforementioned activity commenced as a simple sharing of information and inputs related to entrepreneurship theme until it evolved into a mentoring and knowledge sharing program in order to give to the women participating a concrete guidance into the implementation of their ideas. Moreover, in 2019 this possibility was extended to young women leaders in different themes from several African countries as a result the YWSIMP (Young Women Social Impact Mentorship Program) was born.

All mentioned activities are supported by a strong network of strategic partners in Africa and Europe, to ensure that our projects are relevant and straightforward in their fulfillment. In particular, our main partners are TWOW (Timeless Women of Wonder) Africa and the Zion Women Group. Due to their commitment to involve African women in the social and economic evolution of their countries, we decided to collaborate with TWOW that established a leadership mentorship program more focused on the socio-economic empowerment aspects that our mentees can join at the end of their project development. A meaningful result of this collaboration is our collaboration with the annual Timeless Women's Conference, which gathers experts and influential figures in the fields of business and entrepreneurship with the aim to reshape and analyze the trends in the continent and present new ideas by means of showcase projects and provide access to a broad network of entrepreneurs, change makers and other stakeholders that work towards the development of the continent. Coincidentally, the partnership with the Zion Women Group give us the opportunity to widen our area of inclusivity considering their commitment in social and entrepreneurship activities includes working with adult and senior women who are pensioners with limited resources and access to technology.



Global Women's Social Enterprise will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders, partners and the general public.

As a key requirement for participation in the UNGC, we share our Communication of Engagement (COE) that describes our organization's efforts to implement the above-mentioned principles. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within one year of joining the UNGC, and annually thereafter according to the Global Compact policy.

We wish to avail of this letter to thank our volunteers, our partners and all the people who have demonstrated interest towards our activities.

Please find attached our new Communication on Progress. We are late in creating, sharing and posting our COE report due to staffing bottleneck and increased workload.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Faith Walgwe".

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