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H.E. António Guterres
Secretary-General
United Nations
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Dear Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that Advocates for International Development (A4ID) reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles during the past two years.

We also commit to make a clear statement of this commitment to the UN Global Compact's Principles with our stakeholders and the general public, including through our next annual reports.

We also pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact through supporting partnerships on corporate sustainability and working with our Legal and Development Partners to advance the 'Business and Human Rights agenda' and to support corporate efforts towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

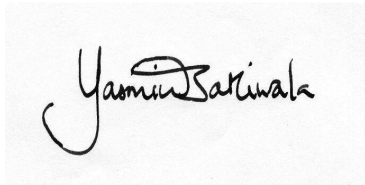
A4ID has been a non-business member of the UN Global Compact from January 2016 to January 2019, however unfortunately was expelled due to non-submission of the report on progress. We appreciate that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organization's efforts to support the implementation of the ten principles and to engage with the Global Compact. The failure to report in the past was the result of staff turnover and the fact that all correspondence sent to us was via a closed email account. We have taken a number of measures to avoid this including having two contact persons within our organisation, responsible for the relations with the UN Global Compact, namely myself, the CEO, and the COO. This

also means that the relationship we hold with you will be the responsibility of the most senior staff within the organisation.

We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress every two years according to the Global Compact COE policy.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Yasmin Batliwala" in a cursive, flowing script.

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