



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

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that the Finnish Bar Association supports the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. With this communication, we express our intent to implement those principles. We are committed to making the UN Global Compact and its principles part of the strategy, culture and day-to-day operations of our Bar Association, and to engaging in collaborative projects which advance the broader development goals of the United Nations, particularly the Sustainable Development Goals. The Finnish Bar Association will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

The Finnish Bar Association is a public entity that approves new attorneys-at-law and supervises their professional activities in Finland, and upholds rule of law and fundamental rights. Only members of the Finnish Bar Association are entitled to use the title of attorney-at-law. Our activities are based on the Finnish Advocates Act, and the Finnish Bar Association also plays a major role in the shaping of Finnish legal policy. The Finnish Bar Association is actively involved in developing legislation as attending working or expert groups or by giving opinions on legislative proposals during the legislation process.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the UN Global Compact is the annual submission of a Communication on Progress (COP) that describes our Bar Association's efforts to implement the Ten Principles. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within one year of joining the UN Global Compact, and annually thereafter according to the UN Global Compact COP policy.

This includes:

- A statement signed by the chief executive expressing continued support for the UN Global Compact and renewing our ongoing commitment to the initiative and its principles. This is separate from our initial letter of commitment to join the UN Global Compact.
- A description of practical actions (i.e., disclosure of any relevant policies, procedures, activities) that the committed entity has taken (or plans to undertake) to implement the UN Global Compact principles in each of the four issue areas (human rights, labour, environment, anti-corruption).
- A measurement of outcomes (i.e., the degree to which targets/performance indicators were met, or other qualitative or quantitative measurements of results).

Sincerely yours,

Niko Jakobsson
Secretary General, Finnish Bar Association