

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

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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

The Foundation FSSC is a non-profit Foundation based in The Netherlands whose vision is to create a better world by providing trust and deliver impact to the consumer goods industry. This is achieved through the following three main activities:

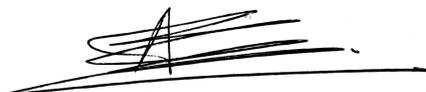
- We are delivering **impact** by being the owner of publicly available Scheme requirements (available at www.fssc.com) delivered by our partners through third-party auditing and certification against ISO based management system standards accepted by the global food industry via our Scheme approval by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) through our membership of the Consumer Goods Forum (CGF).
- We are providing **trust** to the main users of our Scheme on the integrity of the audits delivered by our partners through our global, multi-stakeholder Foundation governance arrangements, the agreements in place with our Certification and Accreditation Bodies and our own partners' compliance oversight programs.
- We are enabling **continuous improvement** through the provision of training activities (such as e-learning), development programs for small and medium-sized organizations and compliance data available to the main users via our FSSC Assurance Platform.

I am pleased to confirm that Foundation FSSC supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to 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 commit to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact as follows:

- Propose and implement partnerships on corporate responsibility with industry business leaders and engage with other stakeholders;
- Support UN Global Compact business participants as they implement and report on their corporate responsibility efforts;
- Engage with Global Compact Local Networks and;
- Join and/or support issue platforms and workstreams.

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 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.

Sincerely yours,



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Director General
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The Netherlands