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H.E. António Guterres
UN Secretary-General
UN Global Compact
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Dear Mr. H.E. António Guterres,

Please consider this the “Letter of Re-commitment” to the UN Secretary-General for Mediators Beyond Borders International (MBBI) to rejoin the UN Global Compact. We pledge support of the UN Global Compact (UNGC) Ten Principles concerning human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is constant communication and 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 recommit to reporting our progress within two years of rejoining the Global Compact and every two years thereafter according to the Global Compact CEO policy.

MBBI’s failure to submit the Communication on Engagement within due time was a result of a staffing change that led to UNGC communications going to an inactive email account. We have fixed our administrative controls and are ready to recommit. Our peace building and conflict management efforts depend largely on our volunteer’s dedication and commitment to carrying out such a wide array of responsibilities and advocacy efforts worldwide. While we were regrettably de-listed as a result of inactive reporting, we have been very active, nevertheless, in promoting conflict management and peacebuilding efforts in congruence with the Principles.

MBBI has ECOSOC special consultative status, and is a member of the UN's Non-governmental Organization (NGO) Major Group—an UN-recognized mechanism for NGOs to participate in and give feedback on UN activities. Please see notable MBBI’s efforts in Attachment 1 – “Impact Report 2019-2020”. MBBI also works to bring mediation and peace skills to organizations and communities around the globe so that they can prevent, resolve, and heal from conflict through its various subcommittees and working groups, which include the following groups:

- MBBI's United Nations Multilateral Working Group (UNMWG), which was created in response to the United Nations’ (UN) call on civil society to help build its mediation capacity.

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- The Women in Mediation Action Group advocates for women's effective participation and representation in mediation, collaborative processes, dialogue, and peacebuilding globally.
- The MBBI SDG Action Group supports the implementation of the UN's Global Agenda 2030, among other efforts, the SDG Action Group co-created the Position Paper of the Non-Governmental Organizations Major Group, High-Level Political Forum 2018.
- MBBI's Children & Youth Alternative Dispute Resolution Working Group (C&Y ADR WG) supports MBBI's mission to build local skills for peace and promote mediation worldwide by advocating for the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) practices with children and youth.

We pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following ways:

- (1) as providers of corporate sustainability services, we will continue to assist public and private sector entities to proactively engage their communities in ways including the protection of human and labor rights,
- (2) we will assist companies to minimize environmental impacts from their operations in ways that support their organizational objectives, and
- (3) we will be available to other Global Compact members to share our knowledge and expertise in collaborative conflict management, stakeholder engagement, and sustainable development. We propose introducing MBBI to the business community with the concept note shown in Attachment 2 - "UN Global Compact & MBB Consulting" and Attachment 3 - "Environmental Conflict Management & Stakeholder Engagement."

In closing, upon rejoining, we pledge support of the UN Global Compact (UNGC) Ten Principles, and to commit to submit the Communication on Engagement (COE) as required.

Sincerely,

Prabha Sankaranarayan

President & CEO

Attachments:

Attachment 1 - Impact Report 2019-2020

Attachment 2 - UN Global Compact & MBB Consulting

Attachment 3 - Environmental Conflict Management & Stakeholder Engagement