

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

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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

We are pleased to confirm that Rakkestad Næringsråd supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, 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 pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following ways:

- support, guide and motivate our member companies in the necessary transition to more sustainable business operations,
- be a channel for our members to UNGC's tools, activities and initiatives,
- convey best practice both to and from our members,
- establish contact and maintain networks with similar organizations and encourage sustainable solutions to challenges identified in these forums,
- join forces with the UN Global Compact to advocate the business case for key corporate citizenship issues to policymakers and the public.

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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