

18. May 2022

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

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that Asker Næringsforening 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 pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following ways:

- Support and respect international human rights in our contact with our members and help ensure that they do not contribute to human rights violations.
- Secure and increase employment of vulnerable groups and counteract discrimination
- Encourage and support solutions for sustainable business operations
- Take the initiative to promote increased environmental responsibility and encourage the development and use of environmentally friendly technology.

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 you

Steinar Bustad

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