



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

Heraklion, 9/6/2022

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that the Foundation for Research and Technology – Hellas (FORTH) is prepared and committed to support the ten principles of the UN Global Compact, with respect to all the following; human rights, ethical labor, environmental protection preservation and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to support the Global Compact in advancing these principles. We are committed to include the U.N. Global Compact and its principles in all aspects of our operation. FORTH will also 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 wherever and whenever we are able and available:

1. Promote the UN Global Compact Ten Principles and educate a variety of audiences internal and external about sustainability.
2. Support UN Global Compact business participants in implementing and reporting on their sustainability and other relevant efforts.
3. Lend our capacity to the Greek as well as other Global Compact Local Networks and/or the UN Global Compact in New York.

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,

Prof. Nektarios TAVERNARAKIS
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Director of Central Administration of FORTH