



O'ZTO'QIMACHILIKSANOAT
UZBEKISTAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY GOVERNING ASSOCIATION

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

Dear Secretary-General,

Uzbekistan Textile and Garment industry Association «Uztextileprom» consists of about 2000 members - leading manufacturers and exporters of textile products from all over the country. Association represents interests of manufacturers on international arena as well as on national level by working with the Government.

As a reference, textile and garment industry of Uzbekistan is one of the driver of country economy especially in terms of growth rates of main indicators (production, export, investments, etc). Uzbek textile export covers more than 60 countries worldwide, in 2021 it exceeds US\$ 2,9 billion, while over the past 5 years US\$ 3,1 billion investment was attracted to the textile industry.

As you are well aware in the recent years necessary measures have been taken in Uzbekistan to implement fundamental reforms in the field of labor and environment to make national legislation in accordance with international standards. We believe as a recognition of those successful reforms **GSP+** (duty free access) status from EU **granted to Uzbekistan** on April 2021 and **call for a Boycott of Uzbek Cotton** from Cotton Campaign coalition **ended** on march 2022. Those achievements along with policy of reforms in Uzbekistan namely introduction of cotton textile cluster system, Descent work country program from ILO make Uzbekistan textile and garment industry even more reliable partner for international brand and allow its integration to the global stakeholder's supply chain.

The initiative between Uztextileprom and UNECE in the development of the ESG Strategy for Traceability and Transparency in the Textile Industry was published on May 3, 2022 on the official website of the UN (Uztextileprom become a member of Sustainability Pledge). On June 17, 2022, Association became a member of the Social Labor and Convergence Program (SLCP), a global social and labor responsibility program.

Dear Secretary-General,

We are pleased to confirm that Association “Uztextileprom” 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 way(s):

- Conduct applied research and thought leadership to advance best practices;
- Promote the UN Global Compact Ten Principles and educate a variety of audiences about sustainability.;
- Support UN Global Compact business participants in implementing and reporting on their sustainability efforts.

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.

With very personal regards,



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Chairman