

United Nations Global Compact

Letter of Re-commitment

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AMERICAN**BAR**ASSOCIATION

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About the American Bar Association

The American Bar Association (ABA) is an independent, voluntary, non-governmental organization of lawyers and judges. The ABA is one of the world's largest voluntary professional organizations, with over 400,000 individual members and more than 3,500 entity members. Founded in 1878, the ABA is committed to advancing the rule of law across the United States and beyond by providing practical resources for legal professionals, law school accreditation, model ethics codes and more. The ABA mission is to serve its members, advocate for the legal profession, improve the administration of justice, eliminate bias and enhance diversity, and advance the rule of law throughout the United States and around the world. As an advocate for the legal profession, the ABA promotes competence, ethical conduct and professionalism, and pro bono and public service by the legal profession.

The ABA regards human rights and the rule of law as cornerstones of a free and just society and is committed to strengthening them in the United States and internationally. This commitment is expressed as one of the fundamental goals of the ABA. Within the goal to advance the rule of law, the ABA's objectives are to: (1) Increase public understanding of and respect for the rule of law, the legal process, and the role of the legal profession at home and throughout the world; (2) hold governments accountable under law; (3) work for just laws, including human rights, and a fair legal process; (4) assure meaningful access to justice for all persons; and (5) preserve the independence of the legal profession and the judiciary.

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The American Bar Fund for Justice and Education (FJE) is the 501(c)(3) charitable fund that supports the public service, policy, and education work of the American Bar Association.

Statement of Continued Support

The American Bar Association (ABA) supports the UN Global Compact and its ten principles with respect to human rights, labor, the environment, and anti-corruption. In this Communication of Engagement (COE) report with the UN Global Compact, we describe actions that the ABA has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its principles. We highlight a wide range of efforts that draw upon the significant expertise and experience found within the ABA and that contribute to advancing those ten principles with our members, the legal community, businesses, and the public.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the UN Global Compact is the biennial submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) describing our organization's efforts to support the implementation of the ten principles and to engage with the UN Global Compact. The ABA's membership lapsed through inadvertence related to certain internal restructuring and then the challenges of COVID 19, and the ABA regrets the oversight. With this application for renewal, we express our desire to reinstate and continue our membership in the UN Global Compact. We commit and look forward to reporting our continued progress in two years.

As an accredited non-governmental organization (NGO) with the United Nations, we have participated regularly in UN for a and continue to do so. We submitted our quadrennial report as an NGO with special consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council in 2020, as accepted during the session in May 2022 (E/C.2/2022/CRP.7).

The ABA has long supported an effective United Nations as essential to achieving peace, justice, human rights, and good governance grounded in adherence to the rule of law. These critical pillars of successful societies are essential to achieving many global goals, such as those recognized in the UN Sustainable Development Goals. We are enormously proud of the work the ABA does on a daily basis to support and promote action on UN goals, including corporate sustainability and responsible business conduct.

We look forward to continued activities and collaborations to advance corporate sustainability, human rights, access to justice, and strong rule of law.

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