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Secretary-General  
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express Plan International Norway's continued support for the United Nations Global Compact and renew our organization's ongoing commitment to the initiative and its principles. The commitment to the Global Compact is an important example of our dedication to ensuring that children and young people living a life of equality, justice and dignity, and that the solutions we develop to support this are sustainable in the long-term. We do this by working in powerful partnerships to identify and tackle the underlying causes and consequences of poverty, exclusion and discrimination that stop them achieving their full potential. Plan International Norway participates in a range of networks and partnerships in order to promote the principles of the Global Compact.

### **Ethical Trading Initiative Norway (IEH)**

Plan International Norway has been a member of IEH since 2012. IEH-members tackle challenges in the supply chain and report openly on the status and progress of efforts. Membership involves a commitment to continuous improvement efforts, and secures access to courses, seminars and forums for exchanges of experience.

### **Corporate Partnerships**

By engaging with companies as part of a global movement, our organization seeks opportunities to more effectively address the challenges that are having negative impact on both businesses and communities. We would like to highlight two examples of our partnerships:

Plan International and Bik Bok have had a strategic and solid partnership since 2012. Bik Bok is an international fashion brand for young women with stores across Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Austria. Together we work to promote the message about girl's right to education to an audience we before had not been able to reach. Through their stores they have 40 million visitors that can read about our project. In social media they reach over 500 000 people to whom they share our stories. They also engage their employees and customers in fundraising activities.

Accenture and Plan International have been working in partnership since 2010 and our rich history of collaboration, both at a global and local level, is evident through the wide reaching portfolio of projects we support. Lately we have decided to focus on how we can scale our work together, by going into a Nordic partnership. Our partnership draws on Accenture's core strengths, utilizing their skills, technical and research expertise and global networks to further support this work. Together, we're innovating to build a solid evidence base around the issues of youth employment.

### **Eco-Lighthouse**

Plan International Norway has since 2012 been participating in the certification scheme Eco-Lighthouse in order to document our environmental efforts, create more environmentally friendly operations and safer work environments. The Eco-Lighthouse Foundation has prepared industry-specific requirements for a range of

National Organisations: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States. Programme Countries: Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Laos, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Uganda, Vietnam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.



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different industries. Plan International Norway is subject to independent assessment and must undergo a recertification process every three years. We are also required to submit annual environmental reports. The Eco-Lighthouse certification scheme has been approved by the Norwegian public procurement authorities.

We believe in the power of connections to advance children's rights. We know we are stronger when we work together in solid partnerships, sharing our knowledge, experiences and resources and facing our challenges as a single united front. Together we can advance children's rights further and faster, creating more opportunities for all children and ending the cycle of poverty. We pledge to offer our knowledge and leadership to help shape special initiatives and work-streams, develop tools and research, and help to hold business accountable with respect to their commitments to the Global Compact and its ten principles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Stabell".

Marianne Stabell  
Acting General Secretary  
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