



## COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

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### **Period covered by this Communication on Engagement**

From: January 2015

To: December 2016

### **Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent**

We are pleased to confirm that Mandat International continues to support the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. We unfortunately missed the deadline for reporting our actions due to heavy workload in 2016. We are however, more than ever, committed to promote the Global Compact principles.

With this commitment, we confirm 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):

- By promoting the Global Compact principles in our activities and in the context of international research projects.
- By promoting the UN Global Compact Ten Principles and educate a variety of audiences about sustainability.
- By supporting UN Global Compact business participants in implementing and reporting on their sustainability efforts.
- By proposing and implementing partnerships on corporate sustainability and engage with other stakeholders.
- By engaging with Global Compact Local Networks.

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.

## **Part II. Description of Actions**

Mandat International is an independent and apolitical foundation with Special consultative status to the UN. The foundation aims at promoting international dialogue and cooperation. Throughout the years, the foundation has been actively encouraging international cooperation through various projects, including by supporting the participation of experts in international conferences, organizing conferences, developing educational activities and promoting international cooperation in the research domain.

Over those last two years, Mandat International has actively promoted the Global Compact principle through several means, including:

- Mandat International incorporated the UN Global Compact principles into its internal operations and always try to foster and promote sustainable development.
- Mandat International has developed and continues to maintain a legal search engine on international law encompassing environmental law, human rights, humanitarian law and the law of the sea: [www.whatconvention.org](http://www.whatconvention.org) The website is freely available and ease the access to international obligations related to several objectives of the Global Compact.
- Mandat International is actively engaged in supporting international research projects on ICT and sustainable development in areas such as smart cities, energy efficiency, crowdsourcing, etc.
- Mandat International developed and manages several websites and portals easing the access to online resources related to sustainable development, human rights and international law in general.
- Mandat International promotes international dialogue and cooperation and organizes sessions and conferences, such as the IoT Week.
- Mandat International was invited to speak at several Green Standards Week organized by the ITU and directly contributed to part of the text of the international declaration on “Powering Smart Sustainable Cities, Nations & Islands” adopted by the Green Standards Week 2015.
- Mandat International has been working with the ITU and the IoT Forum on the organizing of the IoT Week 2017, which will draft and work on an International Declaration on the Internet of Things for Sustainable Development. It will bring together the industry, the research community and the UN system to define a strategy to leverage on the Internet of Things to address and implement the 17 Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the UN. We would welcome a close collaboration with the Global Compact to associate its members to this process.

### **Part III. Measurement of Outcomes**

We are pleased to mention the following measurements of our outcomes:

- Mandat International website clearly promotes and ease access to information and resources related to sustainable development, human rights and international law in general.
- Mandat International legal search engine on international law provides access to over 1'000 conventions covering environmental law, human rights, humanitarian law and the law of the sea.
- Mandat International is currently engaged in five international research projects, with five additional new projects to start early 2017.
- Mandat International websites and portals receive over a million visits per year.
- Effective contribution to the international declaration on “Powering Smart Sustainable Cities, Nations & Islands” adopted by the Green Standards Week 2015.
- Mandat International organized several sessions, including a session on Internet of things, water management and cross-Mediterranean research cooperation at the IoT Week 2016.
- Mandat International has led the Host Committee of the IoT Week 2017 and prepared with the ITU the draft of the International Declaration on the Internet of Things for Sustainable Development.