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Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry]

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His Excellency,

António Guterres

Secretary-General

United Nations

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

Participating Non-profit of UN Global Compact

We are pleased to confirm that as an UNGC Member, Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BWCCI) is working to encourage and strengthen women's participation in the private sector as entrepreneurs through promoting a woman friendly business environment and committed to being a leader of broad based economic development in Bangladesh for business women & industrialists. BWCCI implementing human rights, labor standards and environment & anti - corruption towards promotion of a gender friendly business environment, private sector development and grassroots women participation in economic sectors. 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 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 10 principles and to engage with the Global Compact. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within 2 years of joining the Global Compact and every 2 years thereafter according to the Global Compact COE policy.

Sincerely yours,

Selima Ahmad

President

Period covered by this Communication on Engagement [Ideally the two years prior to this report]

From: [October 2015] To: [October 2017].

Part II. Description of Actions

Please use the box below to describe the actions your organization has taken in support of the Global Compact. It is strongly recommended that the actions taken are related to one or more of the specific activities suggested. *Please refer to the complete list of suggested activities for your type of organization found [here](#).*

Description of Actions

- Engage with Global Compact Local Networks
 - Engaging BWCCI's members in collective action efforts on Global Compact-related issues.
 - Participate in Global Compact global and local events
 - Other actions to support the Global Compact and to engage with the initiative.
 - Organizing workshops and training for BWCCI's members on the UN Global Compact and specific topics relevant to corporate sustainability
 - Providing BWCCI's expertise and the voice of its members to special initiatives.
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Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

Please use the box below to include the most relevant qualitative and/or quantitative indicators to measure the outcome of the activities described in Part II above.

- Farzana Chowdhury, ACII (UK), Immediate Past Board Director of BWCCI and Managing Director & CEO of Green Delta Insurance have recently been recognized by the United Nations Global Compact as one of the 10 Local SDG Pioneers. It was announced by H.E. Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary General, United Nations at the UN General Assembly & UN Global Compact Leaders Summit, 2016, United Nations HQ, New York June 22nd, 2016. This is the inaugural class of Local SDG pioneers for their roles in achieving the Sustainable Goals (SDG) by 2030. She was recognized for her continuous endeavor in regards to SDG 5 that addresses Gender Equality and Women Empowerment and was hailed as a Pioneer for Women Economic Security for Green Delta Insurance's unique initiative – Nibedita, the first ever comprehensive insurance scheme for women in South-East Asia.
- Participated in CEDAW meetings.
- Participated Meetings and discussions on “Moving from MDGs to SDGs in Bangladesh”
- Agreement between Copenhagen Consensus Center and Selima Ahmad regarding Participation in the Eminent Panel for Bangladesh Priorities Project 2016 and attended a part of the Eminent Panel in the Copenhagen Consensus Center's Project – Bangladesh Priorities.
- BWCCI President Ms. Selima Ahmad attended UN's 71st Anniversary Reception Program
- BWCCI President Ms. Selima Ahmad attended 6th edition of the Global Economic Summit 2017 on the theme Women Empowerment: Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Capacity Building
- BWCCI President Ms. Selima Ahmad attended as a Business for Peace Award Honoree (2014) in the 10th Annual Oslo Business for Peace Summit 2016, at Oslo, Norway
- BWCCI President Ms. Selima Ahmad participated in the 2016 Global Summit of Women, at Warsaw, Poland.
- BWCCI President Ms. Selima Ahmad attended in the 6th BMW Foundation Global Table, 2016 at Santpoort, Netherland