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United Nations
New York, NY 10017, USA

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Dear UN Global Compact,

I am pleased to confirm that the U.S. Azeris Network (USAN) continues to support 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 advance these principles within our sphere of influence, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

As USAN we have decried corruption and violations of human, labor, and environmental rights in our published articles and U.S. Congressional testimonies (e.g., to the Helsinki Commission) for many years. Since 2008, we have published hundreds of articles in the U.S. media alone, spoken on radio and TV, as well as given interviews to foreign media. We have also published numerous factsheets on our website exposing these issues and educating readers – thousands of web readers have viewed these factsheets over the years.

We also pledge to take part in the activities of the UN Global Compact where appropriate and feasible – through, for instance, participation in Country/Local Networks; involvement in specialized initiatives and workstreams; engagement in partnership projects; and reviewing and providing commentary to participating companies on their Communications on Progress. Additionally, we will seek avenues to Engage with Global Compact Local Networks, join and/or propose partnership projects on corporate sustainability, engage companies in Global Compact-related issues, and attempt to participate in Global Compact global, and local events – schedule and funding permitting, of course.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adil Baguirov', is written over a faint, large watermark of the U.S. Azeris Network logo.

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