

## Communication on Progress

# CEO Statement of Continued Support for the UN Global Compact and Its Ten Principles



#### To our stakeholders:

I am glad to confirm that 1000mercis reaffirms its support to the UN Global Compact's ten principles about Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption policies.

This annual communication form regards actions done to improve these ten principles' integration into our business strategy, culture and daily operations.

Moreover we are committing to communicate this information to our stakeholders.

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## Description of Actions or Relevant Policies Related to Human Rights

#### I- Evaluation and objectives

1000mercis considers the Universal Declaration of Human Rights a key point of its business strategy. It involves all stakeholders, both internal and external to the company.

Every decision complies with Human Rights.

#### II- Implementation

We register our politics linked to Human Rights in our company rules and regulations. Every employee receive these rules upon arrival into the company.

1000mercis encourages and respects the protection of international rights linked to Human Rights in its sphere of influence and shall ensure that its activities and stakeholders are not complicit in violation of Human Rights.

#### III- Measurement of outcomes

More than 20 different nationalities are present in the company with offices located in Paris, London, New York, Palo Alto, Dubaï, Amsterdam, Tel Aviv, Milan, where our values and culture concerning Human Rights are applied in the same way that it is in our French offices.

Our pre-hiring criterion are only based on the individual's competencies and never on ethnical origins, religious beliefs, age, gender or any other discrimination.

Today, we never have had to face any incident related to Human Rights. The Executive Committee directly monitors this kind of issues.

### **Description of Actions or Relevant Policies Related to Labor**

1000mercis committed to following Labor Rights and developed specified policies for employees.

Among others, these commitments are:

- Elimination of forced or compulsory labor
- The effective abolition of child labor
- Elimination of discrimination in terms of employment and occupations

#### I- Evaluation and objectives

Our different commitments and policies in terms of labor rights are as follow:

- 1000mercis selects its suppliers particularly on the basis of a code of conduct
- Diversity has always been a value of the company

#### II- Implementation

1000mercis implements trainings in order to raise awareness about the whole group's line of business.

1000mercis selects its suppliers according to their code of conduct. It has to involve respect of applicable labor laws and fight against child labor and any other kind of discrimination and corruption.

We make a point of collaborating only with suppliers that comply with our code of conduct, which also respects the principles detailed in the International Labor Organization, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the OECD and also those in the Global Compact.

#### III- Measurements of outcomes

• For 5 years, women have been composing 50% of the Board of Directors

- 50% of the Board of Directors is composed by independent directors
- Almost half of the Group's executives is women
- Women represent 40% of the Management Committee
- Even if 1000mercis' core business is young, the company has implemented a specific plan for seniors about employment, annual personnel follow-up of each employee, a better organization of these employees' working lives...etc. The Employee Representative Committee deals with these seniors' plan objectives.
- Last but not least, aware of the growing internationalization of its activities, 1000mercis did choose to favor geographic diversity inside its teams. Indeed, since 2011, the company has employed more than 20 different nationalities.

### Description of Actions or Relevant Policies Related to the Environment

1000mercis confirms its commitment to the respect of the environment and declares it has made commitments applied with both internal and external stakeholders, such as:

- A huge support toward environmental responsibilities
- Promotion of both the clarification and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies

#### I- Evaluation and objectives

First, digital devices fit perfectly into a sustainable approach because they are part of today's culture. They are at the heart of stakeholders' relationships and allow interesting social innovations.

Both evolution of stakeholders' relations and reduction of energy expenditures are consequences of the diversity of communication channels, development of internal services, as well as the application of all the new organizations.

Furthermore, 1000mercis is committed to respecting equity and ethical principles with both its employees and partners.

#### **II-** Implementation

1000mercis teams are highly concerned about recycling measures:

- Informatics old devices are given to associations in order to be reused or recycled
- Empty printer cartridges are stored and taken over to be recycled
- Used battery collection is organized everywhere in the company for personal and professional purposes

- Paper consumption is optimized by recycled draft paper uses.
- Plastic consumable products have been reduced to a strict minimum (suppression of both tumblers and plastic bottles) to be replaced by long-lasting dinnerware.
- Selective sorting is done for paper and cardboard trash
- Employees are aware of and responsible toward energy consumption. For instance, every employee ensures to switch off his IT post when leaving his office.
- 1000mercis has an action plan in favor of energy savings and reduction of greenhouse gas. Therefore the company has chosen one of the vehicles that gives off less greenhouse gas.

1000mercis renewed its partnership with the company *Les Joyeux Recycleurs* and with the Company Apisop, which promotes the integration of disabled people excluded from workplace.

#### **III-** Measurement of outcomes

- 10000mercis does not have any industrial production sites. Its activitiy is exclusively online and thus has a limited impact on the environment and greenhouse gas emission.
- Today, 1000mercis sorts and Les Joyeux Recycleurs collects cardboard, paper, plastic bottles and tumblers, cigarette butts, light bulbs, coffee capsules etc.
   Then they give 1000mercis statistics upon its dust and deposits 5 cents to Ares Atelier (Adjustment Center to promote working life) for each kilogram of dust collected

## Description of Actions or Relevant Policies Related to the Fight Against Corruption

#### I- Evaluation and objectives

1000mercis is a limited listed (NYSE Euronext Paris) company and ruled by a board of directors and a CEO. 1000mercis is committed to conforming its politic to the Middlenext Code of Governance.

The company takes actions to fight against corruption, particularly with:

- A written zero-tolerance company policy about corruption
- A guiding protocol to help employees to react in case of corruption
- A policy that involves the company's clients and suppliers in the fight against corruption

#### **II-Implementation**

The Board of Directors has accepted, since 2010, an insider trading prevention guide. These rules of conduct involve all of the company's stakeholders and Board of Directors' members who are supposed to have privileged information in terms of the AMF General Regulations.

The Board of Directors has officially expressed their adherence to the Corporate Governance principles and codes. AFEP-MEDEF has a reference and is engaged to fulfilling and respecting its recommendations.

#### For instance:

- 50% of independent directors in the Board of Directors (AFEP-MEDEF Code, article 8)
- 50% of the Board of Directors is composed by women. (AFEP-MEDEF Code, article 8)

• In 2010, a Remuneration Committee was created. (AFEP-MEDEF Code, article 16)

Moreover, 1000mercis has adopted a policy of payment of membership points regarding attendance and/or implication in the specialized committees.

#### **III-Measurement of outcomes**

1000mercis measures and makes sure that all of the company's employees know and adhere to the Group policy by internal controls.