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Antônio Manuel de Oliveira Guterres
Secretary-General
United Nations
Nova York, NY 10017
USA

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

The Brazilian Textile and Apparel Industry Association represents a sector that holds more than 33 thousand companies (with five employees or more) throughout the country. Directly, this industry employs approximately 1.5 million people, ensuring the fourth and fifth position to Brazil as the world's largest garment and biggest textile producer, respectively. Moreover, the Brazilian textile and apparel industry is the largest integrated production chain in the Western Hemisphere.

These characteristics demonstrate the sector's importance related to employability, social welfare and environmental responsibility and, as a signatory of the Global Compact as well as in accordance with its purpose in making sustainability more present in the companies' activities, Abit has been working on a series of initiatives to disseminate best practices.

In this sense, the Association invests and promotes several actions guided by the Ten Principles of the Global Compact and based on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As can be seen in the document published by the Brazilian National Confederation of Industry (CNI), in commemoration of the five years of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development Rio + 20 - which can be accessed by [this link](#) - all initiatives are related to respect for Human Rights, Labor Rights, Environment and Combating Corruption.

It takes a lot of commitment to make these positive agendas a reality all over the world. As the Brazilian Textile and Apparel Association, we are completely engaged in reinforce and disseminate the Ten Principles of the Global Compact, once it is a sure path for the guarantee of a sustainable development in all sectors of the economy.

Sincerely,



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