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Period covered by this Communication on Engagement: from October 2016 – to August 2018

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

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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact.

I am pleased to confirm that Young Researchers of Serbia reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours.

We welcome feedback on its contents.

We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,

Tanja Petrovic
Executive director of Young Researchers of Serbia



Part II. Description of Actions

Young Researchers of Serbia (YRS) is non-governmental organization working on environmental protection and voluntarism. Promotion of actions and implementation of principles of sustainable development are among the main activities of the organization.

In the reporting period (October 2016 – August 2018) YRS have been engaged with Global Compact Local Network in Serbia through participation in members' activities or co-organization of promotional actions and events.

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

In the reporting period, YRS has been working on the protection of nature and biodiversity (implementing SDG 15); promotion of the sustainable production and consumption (related to SDG 12); promotion of the voluntarism and organization of the activities for volunteers on the local, national and international level.

Cooperation with a business sector was a very important segment of YRS work especially in the field of nature protection and biodiversity conservation.

More than 70 international workcamps were organized and have influenced sustainable development in local communities across Serbia.

In the field of environmental policy YRS is following the EU integration process of Serbia related to the environment as well implementation of multilateral environmental agreements. YRS' recommendations and policy inputs have had influenced the integration of sustainable development principles in the legislation and strategic documents.

In the reporting period, YRS supported campaigns of the local communities for sustainable use of waters and better planning of the construction of hydropower plants in the protected areas. Cooperation with a number of stakeholders and partnerships realized are advancing the UN Global Compact principles on human rights.