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To
H.E. António Guterres
Secretary-General United Nations
New York, NY 10017 USA

## **Commitment Letter for Non-Business Organizations**

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that LEPRA Society supports 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 support the Global Compact advancing these principles, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We also pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following way(s)

- LEPRA Society will engage and continue to partner with companies or corporates that follow the ten principles of the UN Global Compact, seek support or to implement projects supporting Sustainable Development Goals 1, 3, 6, 10 and 16 with focus on neglected tropical diseases and persons with disabilities
- Willing to associate with the local networks and support them for having workplace policies to include persons affected by leprosy, lymphatic filariasis and other neglected infectious diseases.
- Ensure human rights of persons affected by leprosy by duty bearers in our operational areas by engaging forums or networks of people organisations and Human Rights Commission.
- Undertake applied research and thought leadership to advance best practices in leprosy, lymphatic filariasis and Tuberculosis

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 ten principles and to engage with the Global Compact.

We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within two years of joining the Global Compact and every two years thereafter according to the Global Compact COE policy.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Ashim Chowla Chief Executive