



## **Communication on Engagement (COE)**

### **United Nations Global Compact**

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### **International Solidarity for Human Rights, Inc (ISHR)**

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE) FOR NON-BUSINESS ORGANIZATION  
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Dear Stakeholders:

Dear Secretary General: we are writing to confirm the continued support of ISHR for the Principles of the United Nations Global Compact.

International Solidarity for Human Rights is a nonprofit Organization compromised and actively involved in enforcing the 10 principles and core values of the United Nations Global Compact in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anticorruption.

ISHR is committed to The United Nations' Global Compact agenda. The ten principles embraced in UN Global Compact are directly related and inseparably linked to the principles embedded in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. ISHR is convinced that the development of a culture of human rights is one of the most important contributions that can be made to the development of a better and more humane society. Our mission is to educate and create awareness about the principles embedded in the UDHR as proclaimed in the preamble of the UN UDHR: "...this Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, to the end that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this Declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and



freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance, both among the peoples of Member States themselves and among the peoples of territories under their jurisdiction.”

We are engaged with UNGC in their mission of mobilizing businesses towards corporate sustainability and above all respect for human rights which is ISHR mission.

On behalf of ISHR, it is our great pleasure to express our continued support for the UN Global Compact and renew our commitment to the initiative and its principles.

Sincerely Yours,

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### **Description of Actions:**

Human Rights: We have encouraged businesses and public organizations we interact with, in a yearly bases, to participate in the UN Global Compact and implement the 10 principles of UNGC through education and learning about human rights and for human rights. We achieve our mission conducting an ISHR's Programs-Seminars-Workshops: Human Rights Class in a Box.

#### The 10 Principles

The Global Compact asks companies to embrace, support and enact, within their sphere of influence, a set of core values in the areas of human rights, labor standards, the environment, and anti-corruption:

Human Rights: Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights. (30 Articles of the UDHR) Principle 2: make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses. (HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS)

Labor Standards: Principle 3: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining (UDHR Art. 20 Freedom of assembly)

Principle 4: the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labor; (UDHR Art.4 Freedom from slavery) Principle 5: the effective abolition of child labor. (UDHR Art. 4 Freedom from slavery) Principle 6: the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation. (UDHR Art.2 Freedom from discrimination)

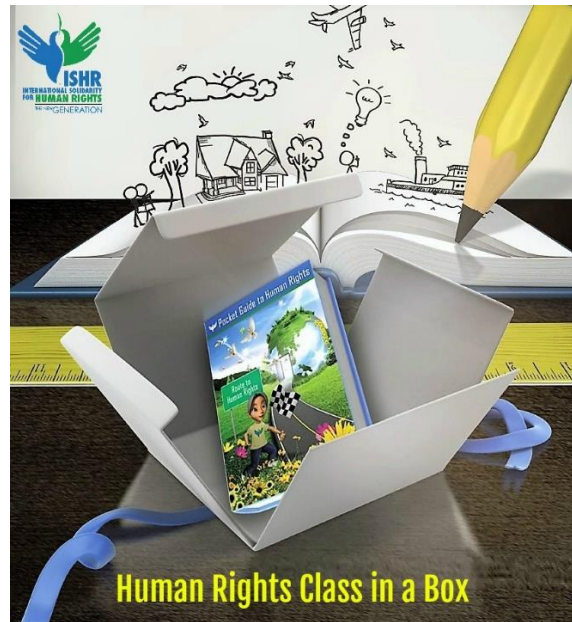
Environment Principle 7: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges (UDHR Art. 28 Right to an International Order Art.29 We have duties to the community)) Principle 8: undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and Principle 9: encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies. (UDHR Art. 28 Right to an International order, Art.29 We have duties to the community)

Anti-Corruption Principle 10: Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery. (UDHR. Art 29 We have duties to the community, Art.30 No one can take away my rights)



## Programs:

### 1) Human Rights Class in a Box (HRCB):



HRCB is a program that has been conducted by the Diversity, Cultural Outreach, and Prevention Department of ISHR. Is a Universal Declaration of Human Rights centered Program and is also a service-learning project that, through teaching and learning, enhances information and enables students to acquire knowledge about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and its 30 Articles. The knowledge acquired trough the HRCB program, is then pass on to other people in the communities, schools, high schools, workplaces, churches, etc.

The mission of the HRCB is to create awareness and respect for the 1948 UN Human Rights proclamation “**THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS**.” This program serves to the cause of the national anti-bullying campaign USA

**Subject:** Human Rights Education-Learning

**Context:** An introduction to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)

**Objective(s):** **Participants will examine the UDHR and become familiar with the rights it proclaims;** the activity is to promote awareness and dissemination of the articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights through visual art, music, dancing, or any other expression of the Arts. **Program Direct Impact 2017-2019:** 3,894 students reached.



## 2) Children Holydays at North:

Little Hands for Human Rights at MDC North Campus



Every year International Solidarity for Human Rights collaboration with Miami Dade College North Campus delights thousands of children and adults in the **Little Hands for Human Rights Tent**. More than 1,000 people (children + families) visit the Tent. They are entertained with activities related to the promotion and learning of human rights through games and performances. Toys for the children are provided and printing material containing messages about the 30 articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights are given to the children, while Christmas fairies interact with the children, bringing a message of peace of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. **Program Direct impact 2017-2019: 2,000 children reached.**



### 3) The Route to Human Rights Miami Dade College:



The Route to Human Right” is a concept and a project created by International Solidarity for Human Rights. The Routes to Human Rights will consist of concrete artistic places dedicated to each one of the articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. These places will provide educational insights on issues related to the positive promotion of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The event was live streamed in Florida, France and Andorra.

ISHR’s celebrated its 10th Anniversary and the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with the unveiling of the permanent installation of "Art. 27 Right to Culture "Induction Chromatique" by Franco-Venezuelan artist Carlos Cruz-Diez, at Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus, Miami-Florida. This work of art, valued in \$2,000.000, was donated to ISHR by the artist, and ISHR donated the art to Miami Dade College. It was installed on a facade of the Wolfson Campus, Downtown Miami, (Art in Public Places) and will contribute to the education and culture of students, faculty and general public who would be able to admire the piece and at the same time learn about the article of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that it represents. Miami Dade College is the largest institution of higher education in the USA with 165.000 students each year and the Wolfson Campus holds a student population of 55.000 students each year. **Program Direct impact 2017-2019: 55.000 students at Wolfson Campus.**



#### 4) First edition of the “Human Rights Friendly Awards:

These awards were created “to uphold the merits of those who have made outstanding contributions in the promotion of Human Rights Education, in accordance with the principles embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.” The Award ceremony will take place, every two years, on December 10<sup>th</sup>, which the UN has designated as *Human Rights Day*. Not all categories may be included each time.

##### **Winners and Awards Categories:**

Miami Dade College: “Human Rights Friendly Institution Award”

Frank Costoya Architect, P.A. "Human Rights Friendly Corporation Award"

Principality of Andorra: “The Human Rights Friendly Country Award”

French Artist Carlos Cruz-Diez: “The Human Rights Friendly Individual Award”

Program Direct Impact: 30.000 people reached.



- 5) **Information and dissemination of program, through social media:** ISHR has shown extraordinary results with more than 2.0k organic reach in Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Vimeo, and YouTube)



In ISHR we hope to keep the good work and keep being a great support for UNGC principles of Corporate and social responsibilities.

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