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

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To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that Law and Internet Foundation reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

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

Sincerely yours,

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Part II. Description of Actions

To support the Global Compact, Law and Internet Foundation has undertaken the following activities in the previous two years, since we became part of the Global Compact:

- Since we have incorporated the UN Global Compact principles into internal operations, we are thus increasing awareness about them among employees, and also communicate progress following the Communication on Progress (COP) requirements;
- We have incorporated the UN Global Compact principles into the creation and implementation of all current and future projects of the Foundation;
- Law and Internet Foundation has developed its own Human Rights Department with a focus on criminal law, radicalization, prevention and protection, as well as on research on ICT influence on fundamental human rights – their protection and the new forms of human rights violation which result from digital transformation. In this relation several of our projects are based on the UN Global Compact human rights principle, including:
 - **FAIR** (Enhancing the Fair Trial for people suspected or accused of crimes) - The problem of ensuring fair trial to persons suspected or accused of crime in the European Union through establishing minimum standards for their rights in the course of the criminal proceedings has become a serious challenge due to the significant differences in the national legal frameworks of the Member States. The FAIR project comes to overcome this issue by enhancing their rights, as well as by contributing to the practical implementation of several European Directives, which establish the minimum standards for procedural rights in criminal proceedings.
 - **MIICT** (ICT Enabled Services for Migration) – MIICT was conceived with the goal of designing, developing and deploying tools that address the challenge of migrant integration. In service of this goal, the project undertakes to co-create improved ICT-enabled services with migrants, refugees, public sector services, NGOs (Non-

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Governmental-Organisations) and other interest groups. By involving research-users at the centre of our approach we address the need to improve and customise the interfaces used to access key public services so that they better address the requirements of migrants and refugees.

- **PRESENT** Enhancing the Right to be Present - The PRESENT project addresses the direct need of training and receiving insight on the changes that are going to be incorporated in the legislation of European Union Member States (MS) in order to transpose Directive (EU) 2016/343. the PRESENT project will provide training to legal practitioners, prosecutors, and judges, who will then contribute to the enhancement of the right to be present, as delineated in the Directive in each country. Further, the PRESENT project will provide a comprehensive comparative analysis for all partner countries' legislation in respect to the right to be present of suspected or accused persons in criminal proceedings.
- Law and Internet Foundation has recently become part of a project consortium of newly approved projects focused on the labour principle, i.e. DEEP (Digital Entrepreneurship for Employability Paths) and EMPLOY (mEntoring prograMme for young People at risk for Labour fOrce entry).
- We have joined and supported the UNGC Network Bulgaria and Bulgarian Food Bank's joint initiative to lower food waste at corporate events.



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Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

For the previous two years, Law and Internet Foundation has achieved the following qualitative and quantitative outcomes to measure the results of the activities, listed in the previous part of the COE:

- 13 projects compatible with the UN Global Compact principles, with more than 20 different partners involved, introduced to the UN Global compact in various ways – meeting, memos, example;
- 5 current projects based on the UN Global Compact principles;
- UN Global Compact principles disseminated in 4 universities in which members of the Foundation lecture in (one of which is a lecturer in Corporate Social Responsibility);
- Increased awareness of UN Global Compact principles of Law and Internet Foundation stakeholders through various means;
- More than 15 corporate events held within the principles of the UNGL Network Bulgaria and the Bulgarian Food Bank's joint principles on food waste reduction.

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