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To

United Nations Global Compact

**Grace Period Letter – Quest for an extension period**

To our stakeholders:

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the UN Global Compact is the annual preparation and posting of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that comprises of a chief executive statement of continued support for the UN Global Compact, a description of practical actions in support of the UN Global Compact, and a measurement of outcomes or expected outcomes.   
We are late in creating, sharing and posting our COE report due to a sustainability-related realignment of teaching and research at our institute. In detail this belongs both to a revision of our study programs and a partial restaffing of our academic chairs.

We hereby ask for an extension period in order to be able to post a COE that describes our organization’s efforts and progress in support of the UN Global Compact. Our COE will be posted on the UN Global Compact website by 24th January 2020 at the latest.  
Sincerely yours,

Prof. Dr. Thorsten Claus,

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