

H.E. Mr. António Guterres
Secretary-General of the United Nations
United Nations Headquarters
New York, NY 10017

4 November 2019

Re: Request for permission to postpone the deadline for posting our COP

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,
Your Excellency,

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the UN Global Compact is the annual preparation and posting of a *Communication on Progress* (COP) that comprises of a statement of continued support for the UN Global Compact, a description of practical actions with regard to the principles of the UN Global Compact and a measurement of outcomes or expected outcomes.


It should be noted, however, that the publication of our Non-Financial Report (NFR) can be considered as our COP. This report describes the social, societal and environmental situation of Ethias in a given year, as defined by the European Directive 2014/95/EU, and is an annex to the annual report. Therefore, the approval of our COP needs to follow the same timeline as the approval of our annual report. Final approval must therefore be given by our General Assembly, which is held annually before the 30th of June.

We would hereby like to ask for an adjustment to our deadline in order to be able to publish and upload the Non-Financial Report, viz. our COP, by 5 July each year at the latest. Hence, our new COP report, describing Ethias' efforts and progress to implement the principles of the UN Global Compact, will be posted on the UN Global Compact website by July 5, 2020.

We would already like to thank you for allowing us to make this adjustment so that, from 2020 onwards, we can upload our COP each year on the date agreed upon (viz. 5 July).

Please accept the assurance of our highest regards as we look forward to your positive response.

Yours sincerely



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