

São Paulo, January 13, 2020

Antônio Manuel de Oliveira Guterres  
Secretary-General  
United Nations  
Nova York, NY 10017  
USA

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

Through this, the Abit - Brazilian Association of the Textile and Clothing Industry reinforces its commitment to comply with and disseminate the Ten Principles of the Global Compact.

Abit recognizes the high relevance of the participation of the private sectors in the pursuit of global goals (such as eradicating poverty, social equality, combating corruption, and the negative impacts caused to the environment). For this reason, Abit works for the Brazilian Textile and Clothing sector be increasingly connected with the rest of the world, not only in compliance with the Principles of the Global Compact but also in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals established by the United Nations General Assembly.

An example of successful engagement in this sector was the signing of the term of engagement for the Business Ambition for 1.5 ° C: Our Only Future campaign, in 2019, by the first Brazilian company. Guilherme Weege, CEO of the Malwee Group - one of the leading fashion companies in the country - and Abit's advisor, became climate ambassador for the Global Compact Brazil Network. The company is also the national fashion brand best positioned in the Transparency Index of Brazilian Fashion, an initiative of the Fashion Revolution Brasil movement.

Another initiative worth mentioning is the Sustainable Fashion Laboratory, a collab platform, created in 2017. Comprised of around 60 leaders from different sectors, the Sustainable Fashion Lab intends to address and develop solutions for the main challenges of the fashion segment in Brazil. The group has been working on significant themes, in line with the Ten Principles of the Global Compact and the SDGs, such as Education, Culture and Consumption, Product Life Cycle, Work and Inequality, Business model, and Public Policies. In addition to being a member of the Governance Council, Abit actively participates in initiatives arising from the platform.

As a representative of an industry sector that has more than 33,000 companies and employs around 1.5 million people directly, Abit has been advocating for a fairer and more competitive industry that guarantee decent jobs and sustainable growth for more than 60 years.

We are proud of the work done during these six decades, but aware that there is still a long way to go. Confident that the Ten Principles of the Global Compact are an essential guide in this path, we reinforce our commitment to comply with and disseminate them, aiming at the continuity of the positive transformations of the Brazilian Textile and Clothing sector.

Sincerely,



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