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THE DELIAN PROJECT UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT COMMUNICATION OF PROGRESS 2019-2020

Dear Ms Ojiambo,

We trust this note finds you healthy and congratulations on your recent appointment as Executive Director of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC).

The Delian Project was very pleased to be an inaugurating signatory to UNGC Canada and its code of conduct. Kindly accept this letter in fulfillment of our requirement for participation in the UNGC bi-annual preparation and posting of a Communication on Progress (COP), which combines a CEO statement of continued support for the UNGC, a description of practical actions with regard to the 10 principles of the UNGC, and a statement of outcomes.

While 2019 was a successful year for local level election engagement with community and grassroots level groups in emerging democracies, 2020 has proven difficult due to the on-going global pandemic, which has all but prevented international travel. This in turn has limited Delian's recent outreach efforts since March of this year to mainly on-line conferences and symposiums. Nevertheless, Delian continues to adhere to the UNGC's 10 principles, with a specific focus on local-level democracy efforts, expansion of human rights, gender equality, and environmentally friendly practices, all while positively assisting thousands of citizens to exercise their right to vote, particularly women (as an example, the majority of university students and poll workers in the Caribbean are women). During the reporting period, Delian has supported local community level elections with requests for either Canadian donated technology or observers (primarily for university and trade union contests) in the Republic of Georgia, Guyana, Barbados, Trinidad & Tobago, and Jamaica.

As Chair of Delian's Board of Directors, I can attest to our continued adherence to the UNGC's 10 principles, while also fulfilling our own mandate of supporting governance and democracy efforts abroad at the grassroots level, with a special focus on disabled voters. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at info@delianproject.org at your convenience.

Very Respectfully,

John Hollins Chair, Board of Directors CEO (Emeritus), Elections Ontario (2000-2008)