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

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To our stakeholders: I am pleased to confirm that Transparency International Australia 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 organisation has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organisation like ours.

Sincerely yours,

Serena Lillywhite

Chief Executive Officer Transparency International Australia (TIA).

Part II. Description of Actions

In the past two years TIA has taken the following actions in support of the Global Compact:

TIA CEO attended multiple UNGC events and met several times with the Executive Director of the Global Compact Network Australia (GCNA). TIA and GCNA established a memorandum of understanding in 2019.

Several TIA staff and Board members participated in GC local events, including staff from the TIA Accountable Mining Team Programme.

Engaged with Global Compact Local Networks

-TIA and the GCNA are founding members of the Bribery Prevention Network (BPN), along with other GCNA members including Allens, Westpac, ANZ, BHP, CBA and others. The GCNA hosts the BPN.

TIA CEO joined the Steering and the Editorial Committees for the BPN as a not-for-profit representative providing oversight from 2019-present.

-TIA contributed 19 resources to the Bribery Prevention Network, hosted by the GCNA.

-The UNGC Australia Anti-Corruption Working Group Chair spoke at the TIA Tackling Corruption Together conference in April 2019.

-TIA CEO appeared as a panellist at the GCNA 2020 Business and Human Rights Trends Webinar in February 2020.

-TIA CEO appeared as a panellist at the UN Global Compact Leaders' Summit: The Role of Bribery Prevention and Detection in Building Strong Partnerships for the SDGs in June 2020.

-TIA signed the GCNA Statement on COVID-19 "Road to Recovery Statement" in August 2020.

-TIA CEO appeared as a panellist at the Dialogue on Bribery and Corruption in October 2020, where the BPN was launched..

-TIA CEO spoke at the GCNA Corruption Dialogue Webinar in February 2021.

GCNA staff attended TIA launches of the TI Corruption Perception Index in 2020 and 2021.

Engaged companies in Global Compact-related issues.

-TIA actively engages its corporate members on anti-corruption issues, through events around Australia, as well as tailored presentations for members on corruption risks especially in the mining and finance sectors. Many of our corporate members are also UNGC members. Our work aligns with the UNGC Principles on Human Rights, Labour, Environment and of course Anti-Corruption. The nexus between these principles are well known, and our engagement with companies, including UNGC Network Australia members is focused on this.

TIA and our corporate members frequently hold special events, such as corporate briefings on amendments to private sector whistleblowing laws, and GCNA staff frequently attend.

TIA led several forums at the International Mining and Resources Conference 2019, and hosted a corporate breakfast. Many of the participants were both TIA members and members of the GCNA.

TIA has promoted GCNA events through our newsletter to our [corporate members](#), and other newsletter subscribers. The TIA newsletter has 1,664 subscribers.

-TIA has promoted the GCNA hosted Bribery Prevention network to external stakeholders at TIA events, on our website, and through our newsletter.

- TIA hosted a dialogue with TIA corporate members and Attorney General's Department representatives in March 2020 to provide feedback on the Adequate Procedures Guidelines, to support work on Foreign Bribery (the drafting of the Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill). This aligns with the GC commitments on anti-corruption.

-TIA co-hosted a webinar with TI New Zealand in October 2020 to launch of the Exporting Corruption Report discussing the issue of Foreign Bribery. GCNA staff attended the webinar along with a significant number of companies.

Engaging government in Global Compact-related issues, acknowledging the Global Compact's work

- TIA has a long history in advocating for a national integrity commission in Australia. The GCNA frequently refers to our submissions and positions. In February 2020 both TIA and the GCNA met with Australia's Attorney General to discuss the draft legislation.

TIA works closely with the Australian Attorney General's department and the Australian Federal Police, both of whom are directly involved in the BPN, to strengthen legislation on foreign bribery and bribery prevention..

TIA has been active in the formulation and monitoring of Australia's Open Government National Action Plans, which include several commitments relating to anti-corruption. The TIA CEO is member of the OGP Forum – hosted by Prime Minister and Cabinet. The SDGs and the UNGC are discussed in the context of human rights and anticorruption.

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

In the past two years, TIA has made 15 submissions to government that have directly or indirectly furthered the aims of the Global Compact Local Network in Australia. The submissions are available on our [website](#).

In the past two years, TIA has hosted dozens of events, roundtable discussions and webinars that have directly or indirectly furthered the aims of the GCNA particularly with regards to anti-corruption and human rights. GCNA staff have attended many of them.

The TIA CEO is regularly invited as a keynote speaker and panellist at events and forums hosted by the OECD, UNDP (and other UN agencies) and the Asian Development Bank. This provides an opportunity to both meet with Global Compact global staff and to alert global audiences to the bribery and corruption challenges we face in Australia, and Australian companies face abroad.

In recognition of our expertise in tackling corruption, TIA has appeared before several Joint Parliamentary Committee hearings that have had direct impact.

TIA has been recognised for its expertise and contribution to strengthening Australia's national integrity system. This has included producing a [blueprint for action](#) report on Australia's national integrity system, as well as producing a submission and participating in consultations on the draft legislation for the [Commonwealth Integrity Commission](#).

TIA has a high media presence, and regularly called on to comment on corruption, foreign bribery and integrity misconduct. Our corporate members, many of whom are UNGC members, have noted the high profile that TIA has. TIA is highly regarded by both government and business for our expertise, evidence-based research, and our collaborative approach to tackling corruption - including our engagement with the GCNA.

TIA corporate members who are also UNGC Network Australia members include: BHP, ANZ, CBA, Westpac, NAB, Oceanagold, Telstra, Worley Parsons, Deloitte and Griffith University.

This provides a unique opportunity for TIA to demonstrate our support for the UNGC Principles, and to engage directly with companies to strengthen their implementation of those Principles.

TIA has a monthly newsletter and regularly blogs and uses social media. Our communications strategy and activities supports the work of the GCNA.