

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

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To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that International Relations Studies Association 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 organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. Burak YALIM
Founder President

Actions

Youth Rights

As stated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, every citizen has the right to participate in social and democratic life. Our association contributes to the development of volunteering and active citizenship, especially among young people.

We try to inform, raise awareness, encourage their active participation by our activities. TUİÇ instills a culture of volunteering in young people with its activities and helps to spread values such as civil initiative-democratic transformation-sustainability.

Our association also encourages young people to develop relationships with different cultures, helps them to establish relationships regardless of religion, language, race, gender, and ethnic origin.

Education Rights

In human rights documents, education is considered as a basic human right that everyone should enjoy under equal conditions. Especially since they cannot benefit equally from internship opportunities due to logistical reasons, we have implemented the online internship project in order to support everyone's efforts to ensure their academic development everywhere. Especially those who plan to pursue an academic career in the field of International Relations, we provide the opportunity to put their theoretical knowledge in the field of social sciences into practice by creating a discussion environment and bringing people from different cultures together.

Labor

One of the most important human resources of our association is our young volunteers.

The participation of our volunteers is supported without any discrimination, and the participation of everyone and all segments in social works is supported on the basis of the participation conditions created in the light of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Environment

Efficient use of materials is encouraged in all training & activities of our association.

In our office environmental-friendly methods we apply are as follows:

- Reducing paper waste by using double-sided printing on multifunction printers.
- Recycling of paper waste.
- Sharing notes electronically.
- Increasing the use of electronic forms instead of printed forms.
- Keeping an electronic archive instead of physical archive.

Measurement of Outcomes

- The number of voluntary applications to our association is over 2000 since 2015.
- We reached over 1000 young people through activities such as webinars, camps, seminars since 2015.
- We arranged 8 field since 2015. During the field trips, ministries, headquarters of political parties, different institutions, The Grand National Assembly of Turkey and United Nations were visited by participants.
- We arranged Winter camps. Each camp covered different topics related to International Relations. In 2017 TUİC's 5th Winter Camp was held in Eskisehir. The camp's theme was Energy&Sustainability.
- With the Online Internship Project, the academic&interpersonal development of nearly 1000 young people has been supported since 2016.
- With the training program in the fields of Human Rights, Environmental Law and Social Policy, online workshops and seminars were held with more than 100 young people.