

Dears,

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 CEO 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.

We are late in creating, sharing and posting our COP report due the impact of Covid 19 on our sector. From late 2019 to early 2021 mobility restrictions and lockdowns struck the Textiles services sector to the core. Plummeting revenues (as bad as 80% for the hospitality sector for example), massive resort to furlough of personal to avoid lay off as much as possible and freezing of investments had ETSA focusing on helping its membership by lobbying intensively the European institutions for adequate measures for a more resilient and sustainable EU circular economy. We were heard and can see the slow beginnings of a recovery.

We hereby ask for an extension period in order to be able to post a COP that describes our association's efforts and progress to implement the principles of the UN Global Compact. Our new COP report will be posted on the UN Global Compact website by 24 November at the latest.

Sincerely yours,

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