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Ladies and Gentlemen,

through this letter we would like to express the continued support for the Global Compact and renew our ongoing commitment to the initiative and its principles. As Club for UNESCO of Piraeus and Islands we are so glad to be a part of this so important movement, participating always in all practical actions and organizations has taken.

So, let me introduce you Club for UNESCO of Piraeus and Islands in Greece, and present you our actions for the year 2020-2021.

Club for UNESCO of Piraeus and Islands, in Greece, from 1998, with its small potential, works hard to achieve the 17 SDGs UN development to make the world a better place by 2030. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's), are an urgent call for action by all countries in a global partnership. To recover from the crisis we need more than ever International Corporation and solidarity. So, we work even harder on the following goals:

1. NO POVERTY
2. ZERO HUNGER
3. GOOD HEALTH AND WELL BEING
4. QUALITY EDUCATION
6. DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
8. COOPERATION FOR OBJECTIVES
13. CLIMATE ACTION

In the framework of the above objectives, Club for UNESCO Piraeus and Islands has created permanent SOCIAL structures against POVERTY and Structures for the Provision of Basic Goods in the Municipalities of Piraeus and Nikaia. Municipalities that have already been tested by the huge economic crisis that Greece has experienced from 2010. The structures created are SOCIAL market, SOCIAL RESTAURANTS, OPEN CENTERS FOR THE DAY OF homeless people, SOCIAL DORMITORIES and SOCIAL PHARMACY. All the above structures are modern, well structured and of high quality. Through the social restaurant of every structure is offered daily freshly cooked food based on the valuable Mediterranean diet. Through nutrition seminars, as well as from the Structure of the Social market we inform women and especially mothers for the improvement of maternal and child health. At the same time, the medical staff of each Structure offers first aid to all our needy fellow citizens and informs them with the aim of preventing them from dangerous epidemics and viruses. The structures have been staffed with trained scientific and support staff, serving hundreds of families in need, most of them three and many children, who really need our support, on a daily basis offering food, clothing, medicine and other basic necessities. We believe that the elimination of extreme poverty and extreme hunger is directly related to ensuring basic education for all. Club for UNESCO Piraeus and Islands is trying to contribute to this and has created a modern school with 6 classes in Nikaia, since 2016.



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Despite its very important humanitarian work, the Club for UNESCO Piraeus and Islands organizes cultural events, activities and workshops for and artistic competitions, aiming to support the culture. Its aims to preserve, rescue, disseminate and protect traditional and modern culture, free exchange and circulation of cultural information and ideas. It organizes initiatives and programs encouraging cultural development and the promotion of peace, friendship and mutual cooperation, social solidarity of equality and the rights of women and the understanding among people who serve the cultural development of their country.







Especially today, in these difficult conditions with the pandemic, this project is considered an extremely important social project. Our Structures operate daily, with the aim of helping and supporting our fellow human beings in need. During the given period of the pandemic, our Club carried out thousands of extraordinary distributions of pharmaceutical and health materials and dozens of informative seminars aimed at the prevention of our fellow citizens. 2020 was a difficult year with unprecedented pandemic conditions that, however, had to make us stronger by supporting our fellow human beings who needed it more than ever. Initially, we conducted hundreds of hours of training seminars on the new health challenges by doctors and nurses, drawing attention to how we can protect ourselves from the pandemic. There were also thousands of excellent distributions of pharmaceutical and health supplies as well as food. In addition, dozens of informative seminars by expert scientists, aimed at preventing our fellow citizens, strengthening their immune system, but also their mental empowerment. Despite our very important humanitarian work, the UNESCO Piraeus and Islands Club, believing that the greatest form of resistance and often the solution to mental health problems is Culture, organized a series of cultural events, activities and workshops and artistic competitions, in order to support the culture that is the key factor most affected during the pandemic emergency. Briefly, we mention that theatrical workshops and seminars, storytelling, creative time for children living at home, choir and music events, presentation of the calendar 2021, book presentations, film festivals, art exhibitions, literary exhibitions, art exhibitions were held and many more in order to be next to everyone from a distance and safely. The Club for UNESCO Piraeus and Islands cooperates with both local and regional sectors. The large network of Volunteers and our sponsors are a particularly important support in our work. We continue our difficult work, despite the adverse conditions we encounter.

Also we give great emphasis to the field of education noting that child labor numbers are rising for the first time in 20 years, with millions more children forced to work due to the new corona virus pandemic. According to researches, there is unfortunately the possibility that the crisis we are facing will ruin two decades of progress towards the elimination of child marriage. Growing poverty caused by the loss of their livelihood may push many families to marry their daughters when they are still minors. We also work systematically on the elimination of gender inequality and social inequalities. Through our project, the goal is the reintegration of our fellow people that are in need into the labor market again and not the perpetuation of poverty. Through seminars addressed especially at women (for example, tailoring or dressmaking) we strengthen women's self-confidence and entrepreneurship and many women have already gained their independence, creating small businesses. So our educational and social project is considered necessary. As part of our social and humanitarian programs and with special sensitivity to our fellow human beings who are affected during these pandemic difficult days, wanted to follow the protocols and social distancing we are obliged to operate in the near future a new bigger building, including also, SOCIAL NURSING HOME for the elderly with access to People with Disabilities, too.



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This is a 6-storey building, bright and spacious, with a total area of 2,500 sqm, in Piraeus, Greece where it will operate extra:

-  **Social Restaurant (which will provide 350 meals daily to people in need) - Social Kitchen (with the ability to produce 2000 portions of food per day),**
-  **Social Grocery (which will serve 200 families per month),**
-  **Social Pharmacy (which will serve 500 in need people per day),**
-  **2 Social Clinics,**
-  **2 Social Dormitories (each with a capacity of 65 homeless people),**
-  **2 Homeless Day Care Centers (each will provide services to 200 homeless people per day).**

Special care will be given to homeless elderly people since on the 5th floor of the building there will be a SOCIAL NURSING HOME hosting and caring for about 50 homeless elderly people. The 6th floor will host a modern school that will offer free language courses, seminars, art and tailoring, for beneficiaries and their families with the aim of reintegrating them into the labor market. On the same floor will be held cultural events, painting exhibitions, music nights and theatrical performances for homeless people, as well as birthdays and the name day of children for in need families.

All areas will be designed to serve the needs of each structure and its people and will have the necessary facilities such as kitchen, showers and toilets. The Club for UNESCO of Piraeus and Islands has a document confirming Management Sufficiency and Quality Management System (ISO 9001: 2008).

We strongly believe that companies should definitely invest in corporate social responsibility. Businesses are entities inextricably linked to the society in which they operate, so they must recognize their responsibility to society and the environment. Also, since not every company can achieve the SDG's to the fullest, they should support organizations that are active in the implementation of the SDG's.





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We are sure that with your help, **Global Compact support**, we will give breath to our fellow human beings, who need it. We can all do something about it following the important SDG's strategic plan.

Thank you for your cooperation.  
Waiting for your answer

Best Regards,

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