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To our stakeholders:

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 drafting and submitting our COP due to the ongoing effects of the coronavirus pandemic and direct impact this has had on staff health, workload and capacity. The past few months have been particularly challenging for faculty, with numerous colleagues unwell or facing significantly increased teaching loads to provide cover. On that basis, we are behind schedule in preparing the COP.

We hereby ask for an extension period in order to be able to post a COP that describes our company'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 6th May 2022 at the latest.

Sincerely yours,

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