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Declaration of Continued Support for the Global Compact.

As we do annually when we deliver our Communication on Progress report for the Global Compact, we review our performance, first as an exercise in self-knowledge and continuous internal improvement and, second, as a practice of transparency and accountability to our stakeholders and society.

Delphinus, as a modern zoological institution with marine mammals under its care, is aware that it is under special public supervision and scrutiny due to the interest and considerations that animals such as dolphins have in the popular imagination. This instead of becoming a concern or sense of pressure for us, has helped us to review our day-to-day policies and practices and make them consistent with the science of animal welfare.

In this sense, 2021 was a good year, because in August of that year the study "Towards an understanding of the animal welfare of cetaceans under human care in accredited zoological institutions" was published. The work of renowned scientists from universities and research centers in the US has yielded interesting conclusions about the quality of life of the animals that are currently cared for in the participating zoological institutions and raises possibilities for improvement and growth, which shows that many of the myths that have spread about marine mammals in human care are wrong or based on information and practices that have already disappeared precisely due to the implementation of best practices, ethical management of animals and investment in science.

For Delphinus, the publication of this study represents a special satisfaction since 80% of our population was part of the study, which added to the contribution of other organizations with which we are associated in the AMHMAR, the sample of Mexican animals added 46 %, so the results of this study are more than representative of the quality of life that these animals enjoy today, in the norm that we certified institutions follow without problem.

On the other hand, 2021 has been a year of evident recovery for our organization, immersed in one of the most competitive tourism markets in the Western Hemisphere: the Mexican Caribbean, which includes, among others, brands and locations such as Cancun, Puerto Morelos, the Riviera Maya, Playa del Carmen, Tulum and the recent Playa Mujeres recovered from 2020 to 2021 by 84%, similar to the recovery Delphinus experimented in that same period.

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continued to set the pace of this recovery, and although we wanted it, it was not possible to receive public or private schools in our Educational Visits programs or organize beach or mangrove cleanups, as we did in years past due to the restrictions that local governments dictated, as well as common sense and compliance with these.

We expect that the recovery of tourism in Mexico and the world in 2022 will be higher than that registered in 2021, although it is uncertain due to the worrying inflation in the main markets, the rise in fuel prices, which affects flights and finally, the conflict war in Ukraine, which we hope will end as soon as possible.

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