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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

The years 2020-2021 were a challenging and testing time for the world. We have faced unprecedented situations that could only be solved by taking decisions together and acting creatively. We all had to live through an unpredictable period full of uncertainties. We overcame unique economic, social and ecological challenges by gaining valuable experience and learning the lessons of the pandemic.

Full integration of sustainability into all activities is one of the priorities of Kaunas University of Technology (KTU). By increasing the sustainability of the existing infrastructure, we are also improving indicators directly related to environmental protection. KTU strives to ensure that its infrastructure projects are focused on reducing environmental impact and using renewable resources as efficiently and widely as possible. During the 2020-2021 period, the following projects with a direct impact on energy efficiency were completed:

The hybrid power generation system, developed in 2019, reduces CO2 emissions by 318 tonnes per year, and in 2020, this unique project received global recognition at the Energy Globe Awards.

In 2021, solar photovoltaic power plants were installed on the roofs of four buildings on KTU Student Campus, which will increase annual electricity generation and reduce CO2 emissions.

In 2022, we plan to install solar photovoltaic power plants on the roofs of four more buildings on KTU student Campus to increase the power output. It is expected to generate 1.46 million kWh of electricity per year. The installation of solar photovoltaic power plants on the roofs of buildings and the purchase of a solar photovoltaic power plant will significantly reduce CO2 emissions.

Despite the unexpected events in the external environment, the community of Kaunas University of Technology not only successfully mobilised and continued its ongoing activities but

also implemented many new ideas. I am glad that the University supports the principles of the Global Compact and joins this important United Nations initiative.

I am writing to confirm that Kaunas University of Technology supports the ten principles of the Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour rights, environmental protection, and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to support and advance those principles and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our faculty, students, partners, alumni and the general public.

KTU aims to conduct activities based on the sustainable development principles everywhere and all the time: while studying, teaching, and developing knowledge and innovations, in relationships with our partners, in the development of infrastructure and environment.

We recognise that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organisation's efforts to support the implementation of the ten principles and get involved in the Global Compact. We support public accountability and transparency and commit to reporting on our progress within two years of joining the Global Compact and every two years thereafter.

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