COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

American Chamber of Commerce in Azerbaijan

Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: [January 2022] To: [December 2022]

Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent

Please use the box below to include the statement of continued support signed by your organization's Chief Executive or equivalent.

AmCham Azerbaijan is continuously working to support Ten Principles of UN Global Compact in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. As an example, during 2022 below meetings/events of AmCham Azerbaijan can be highlighted:

- Meeting with the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan in October 2022 With the participation of member companies, useful discussion on Human Rights issues were held.
- Meeting with Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of the Population of Azerbaijan Republic in January 2022 - the development of entrepreneurship in all areas was discussed in detail.
- 3. Executive Director of AmCham Azerbaijan Ms. Gulnara Aslanbayli attended the official Launch of the Women's National Business Agenda (WNBA) for Women's Economic Empowerment organized by USAID Azerbaijan - Ms. Aslanbayli shared perspectives on how the Chamber has influenced the work toward women's economic empowerment and the contributions to the building of the WNBA.
- AmCham Sustainable Development and Corporate Impact (SD&CI) Committee meeting with member companies in March 2022 – the road map on stimulation and development of green transport infrastructure in Azerbaijan was discussed.
- Meeting of AmCham Leadership with the Chairman of the Board of the Small and Medium Business (SMB) Development Agency Mr. Orkhan Mammadov in June 2022 – one of the discussion points of the meeting was the organization of joint events with relevant associations on "Green energy".
- The different Committees of the Chamber was coming together and organizing meetings on anti-corruption issues as well during the year (2022) where active discussion were being held with member companies.

Part II. Description of Actions

Please use the box below to describe the actions your organization has taken in support of the Global Compact. It is strongly recommended that the actions taken are related to one or more of the specific activities suggested. Please refer to the complete list of suggested activities for your type of organization found here.

For example, below actions have been taken during a year:

- For business associations: By the help of meetings held on the main principles, attracting member companies to the UN Global Compact
- For the country: Based on the meetings and discussions held, preparing sustainability plans (to improve economic and ecological well-being in the country) to mention in AmCham White Paper in 2023 and submit to the Government; AmCham Azerbaijan is also working with the governmental bodies on CSR and mutual share of ideas/suggestions is conducted between them annually.

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

Please use the box below to include the most relevant qualitative and/or quantitative indicators to measure the outcome of the activities described in Part II above.

As a result of the initiatives taken by AmCham Azerbaijan, below results have been achieved:

- Some of AmCham member companies have become member to UN Global Compact as well.
- Ongoing events/meetings triggered to build new partnerships between AmCham Azerbaijan and member companies on UN Global Compact principles.
- Positive feedbacks and results motivated the Chamber to prepare the action plan of 2023 more based on UN Global Compact principles.