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António Guterres  
Secretary General  
United Nations  
New York NY 10017  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dear Secretary General,

I am pleased to affirm that La Trobe University supports the ten principles of the United Nations (UN) Global Compact in the areas of human rights, labour, environment, and anti-corruption.

La Trobe has been committed to these principles since 2010, and over the last decade we have endeavoured to embed them in all of our operational activity. We also communicate our engagement with the UN Global Compact to our stakeholders and partners to help in promoting the importance of the principles.

During this reporting period, La Trobe has made profound changes to the way we conduct our teaching, research, and operations in the face of the unprecedented challenges of COVID-19. At the same time, we have deepened our engagement with the UN Sustainable Development Goals through initiatives such as embedding the goals within subjects and identifying related research opportunities. La Trobe was recently ranked in the top 20 university in the 2022 Times Higher Education Impact Rankings for our contribution to the advance of the UN Sustainable Development goals.

Over the last two years, we have implemented several new programs aligned with the UN Global Compact. I am particularly proud of our commitment to tackling climate change through our Net Zero program and the La Trobe Climate Network; and of the way we have demonstrated our commitment to gender equality and diversity at the University. The University was ranked number two in Australia for gender equality in the 2022 Times Higher Education Impact Rankings.

I am delighted to share these and other achievements with you in the pages that follow. We are also committed to sharing this report with our stakeholders and welcome feedback on its contents.

Yours sincerely,



**Professor John Dewar AO**  
Vice-Chancellor