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H.E. António Guterres  
Secretary-General United Nations  
New York, NY 10017 USA

Dear Mr Secretary General

It is with a strong sense of dedication that SolarBuddy wholeheartedly confirms support of the United Nations Global Compact's 10 Principles for Businesses.

Since our last statement of commitment we have, and we will continue to, accept the fundamental responsibilities associated with human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption and uphold the sanctity of such.

In alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, SolarBuddy is committed to a vision of illuminating the futures of all children; those disadvantaged by energy poverty by lighting up their study space with a purpose designed, toxic free solar powered device, and those who do not live with energy poverty, but who can be educated and inspired to become changemakers for the betterment of all people and the planet. SolarBuddy has gifted hundreds of thousands of solar devices in over 25 countries, positively impacting approximately one million children and their families worldwide. Lives have been transformed by this ingenious sustainable innovation that safely and reliably lights up a home when modern power sources are lacking. Additionally, removing the need for kerosene and firewood, has meant a reduction of hundreds of thousands of tonnes of CO<sup>2</sup> of carbon emissions.

SolarBuddy has worked with tens of thousands of employees in hundreds of corporations. Our organisation has won numerous awards for creating outstanding employee engagement programs. Programs include participants assembling a solar device and writing a letter of encouragement, both of which are gifted to a child living in energy poverty. Participants can then see their impact with SolarBuddy's Stories from the Field.

SolarBuddy has seen incredible growth of our community globally, and the organisation is determined to continue this; scaling deliberately with the intent to reach more children desperately in need of clean energy. Founded in Australia in 2016, SolarBuddy commenced operations in the USA in 2021 as a registered 501(c)(3) and in 2022, became a registered charity in Belgium and the Netherlands. SolarBuddy plans to scale to new markets to further increase our impact and is particularly focussed on reaching those who have currently been left behind.

We recognise that a key requirement for participation in the UN 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 to engage with the Global Compact. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within two years of joining the Global Compact and every two years thereafter according to the Global Compact COE policy.

Sincerely yours,



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Founder and Global CEO



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