

## COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

A statement by the chief executive or equivalent expressing continued support for the UN Global Compact and renewing the participant's ongoing commitment to the initiative:

*"We express our continued intent to support the Global Compact advancing its principles and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders."*

*We have the intention to continue our cooperation with corporate partners and will demand from all major corporate partners that they participate in the UN Global compact actively, and publicly support its principles. We encourage all our corporate partners in using the competence held within our organization, Civil Rights Defenders, when doing their due diligence. We share knowledge and educate our corporate partners within human rights. We believe it will affect companies to act responsibly in regards to Human rights."*

/ Anders L. Pettersson, *Executive Director*

Practical actions that the organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact principles and to engage with the initiative:

- Actively promoted the UNGC on our website [www.crd.org](http://www.crd.org)
- Actively promoted the UNGC in meetings with potential and existing corporate partners.
- Demand from major corporate partners to participate actively in the UNGC.
- Actively promote the principles by sharing knowledge within our expertise, and urging companies to act responsibly.

Measurement of outcomes:

- All major partners actively a part of the UNGC.
- Visibility towards members and supporters via [www](http://www.civilrightsdefenders.org).
- 20+ business meetings per year where we actively promote the UNGC
- Sharing our expertise within Human Rights with our corporate partners to help them act according to the UNGC principles.

Civil Rights Defenders intend to increase cooperation with the private sector in their newly adopted strategy for 2023-2030. Within the scope of that strategy we will promote the principles and actively discuss the importance of respecting the principles as well as the UN Guidelines on Business and Human Rights to ensure responsible and sustainable business performance. We intend to influence our corporate contacts and future corporate partners to act on human rights issues and participate and follow the UNGC.