

São Paulo, December 23, 2021

António Manuel de Oliveira Guterres
Secretary-General
United Nations
Nova York, NY 10017
USA

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

The Abit - Brazilian Association of the Textile and Clothing Industry hereby reinforces its commitment to comply with and divulge the Ten Principles of the Global Compact.

The challenges of the sustainability agenda demand perseverance and continuity, precisely the way Abit has been working throughout 64 years. We recognize the relevance of the private sectors' participation in achieving the global goals (such as eradicating poverty, social equality, combating corruption, and the negative impacts caused to the environment). In this path, the Global Compact Principles, such as the Sustainable Development Goals, are references that connect us to the world.

As a representative of a sector that counts with more than 25,500 companies that employ around 1.5 million people directly, Abit has been advocating for a fair and competitive industry that guarantees decent jobs and sustained growth based on best practices.

We emphasize that during the challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the urgency of the sector was the permanence of thousands of small and medium companies and the jobs guaranteed by them. But it was also time to reinvent and expand, for example, the manufacturing of textile products that would contribute to the fight against the pandemic in the country. And not less important, stand in solidarity contributing with donations in the face of increasing poverty.

Even so, Abit only increased its engagement to keep projects active, ongoing partnerships, and to intensify actions in favor of transformation driven by the urgency of the sustainability agenda. One of the initiatives we launched in 2021 was Abit Review, an online magazine created to give visibility to the best practices of companies in the sector and inform about the global sustainability and innovation agenda, through interviewed experts and professionals who are volunteer to write articles.

Convicted that this path will evolve continuously and that collaboration provides longer steps, we are grateful to reaffirm our commitment to the Global Compact.

Sincerely,



Fernando Valente Pimentel
Presidente da Abit