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To our stakeholders:

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the UN Global Compact is the annual preparation and posting of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that comprises of a chief executive statement of continued support for the UN Global Compact, a description of practical actions in support of the UN Global Compact, and a measurement of outcomes or expected outcomes.

We are late in creating, sharing and posting our COE report due to a number of circumstances. Normally, it is a very challenging task to write the report within the beginning of the year because in such a big institution like a university, a lot of people need to be asked for input about the actions, each part of the university is doing to participate in the sustainable development of our institution. This is even more challenging, because at this time, there is also the preparation for the examination period (usually within february) for me in preparing the new exams and in evaluating the reports, the students wrote within the semester.

But as all the last years, this can be done, just this year, there were two extraordinary changes. For one, I am sharing the leading of the group of UNGC at our university with Professor Weber, who is now in the phase of retirement and at the parent stage, this makes the situation difficult to exactly manage the change of responsibility.

Most impact had a very personal reason as my mother passed away in January and I am in a big struggle to handle my work within this days, try to so as good as possible, but sometimes unfortunately fail some things. Also in the time before her dead, we had very big struggles because we had

to organize a lot to take care for her health and also form y father.

We hereby ask for an extension period in order to be able to post a COE that describes our organiza-
tion's

efforts and progress in support of the UN Global Compact. Our COE will be posted on the UN Global
Compact website by 15.05.2024 at the latest.

Sincerely yours,



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