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**The French Chamber of Commerce in Singapore
Communication on Engagement**

**Period covered by this Communication on Engagement
June 2022 - June 2024**

Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent

The French Chamber of Commerce in Singapore (FCCS) is pleased to confirm its commitment and support to the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is the FCCS's second Communication on Engagement with the UNGC. We welcome feedback on its contents.

The FCCS is a non-profit business association that facilitates business activities in Singapore and in the region and mutual development between France and Singapore. Our mission consists of connecting, promoting, bringing together a strong business network of companies, and boosting their development in Singapore and in the region.

The FCCS is proud to be a participant of the UNGC since 2022. In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders.

Our Actions and Impact

The FCCS's commitment to sustainability has led to a substantial increase in the number of events, dialogues, and conferences we organise. These initiatives provide our members with access to valuable insights, information, and speaking opportunities to share their sustainability initiatives and actions, accelerating the transition to more sustainable business practices.

The FCCS has its dedicated Sustainable Business Committee and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Club, offering a platform for learning, networking, and collaboration among individuals with a shared commitment to sustainability. We conducted several workshops and committee meetings on topics such as materiality assessment, no waste – circular economy collage, climate fresk and the impact of carbon tax and introduction of carbon credits, etc. Our CEO Sustainability Series feature insightful interviews with industry leaders. These interviews, regularly promoted through our communication channels and LinkedIn, highlight sustainable practices, and enhance the reputation and competitiveness of our member businesses in Singapore and the region.

With the launch of Joint Year of Sustainability between France and Singapore (JYOS), the FCCS, with the support of the French Embassy in Singapore, organises a comprehensive roadmap of events and actions designed to promote cooperation between the two countries. This initiative has kicked off in Singapore during the Singapore Maritime Week 2024 with a French delegation of companies accompanied by the FCCS. Throughout JYOS, the FCCS will organise conferences and summits on topics including circular economy, sustainable business innovation, new energies, and energy efficiency, culminating in May 2025 with the celebration of 60 years of bilateral relations between France and Singapore.

Measurement of Outcomes

The FCCS's steadfast dedication to sustainability has earned us the prestigious Trophy for Best ESG/RSE Initiative by CCI France International in 2023, positioning us as a leader in environmental and corporate responsibility. This recognition underscores our belief that sustainable practices offer a strategic advantage in today's business landscape.

From June 2022 to June 2024, the FCCS has organised 80+ sustainability themed events, workshops, and club meetings. More than 20% of our events are related to sustainability. Through these events and workshops, we offered our members a platform for learning, sharing, networking, and cooperating with local and international entities, as well as the Global Compact Network Singapore (GCNS). In addition to that, we relay the sustainable initiatives of our members showcasing their case studies and actions in our business news and Weekly Newsletter every Monday.

In May 2023, the FCCS invited the GCNS to be our guest speaker for one of our training sessions. This training session aims to educate our members on How to Calculate Carbon Footprint, to promote the United Nations Global Compact Ten Principles, and to educate a variety of audiences about sustainability. After the session, we liaised our members with Global Compact Network Singapore, and encourages our members to be a participant of the United Nations Global Compact.

In June 2024, the FCCS, with the support of the French Embassy in Singapore and the Foreign Trade Advisors, will organise "Circularity – 3 Days to Rethink, Reuse and Recycle" as part of the Joint Year of Sustainability (JYOS), and in conjunction with the CleanEnviro Summit in Singapore from 19 June to 21 June. Circularity aims to maximise the impact by showcasing events organised by our members and partners that relate to one of the 3 themes, and any projects or service presentations that support a circular economy. In this occasion, the FCCS will also organise its Circular Economy Forum on 20 June. The forum will feature two panel discussions sharing perspectives from the industry and goods consumption sectors within the context of the circular economy. Key experts from corporates, startups, researchers, and government agencies will share insights, strategies, and innovations aimed at driving circularity and sustainability in business practices.

The FCCS is committed to advancing sustainability by involving all our members in this essential journey. We aim to provide them with knowledge, strengthen their connections with the Global Compact Local Network, and support the Singaporean business community in implementing necessary actions for a sustainable future.

Sincerely yours,

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Executive Director

