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**Subject: Commitment of the Chamber Orchestra Mannheim – UNESCO City of Music  
(Kurpfälzisches Kammerorchester e.V.) to United Nations Global Compact**

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

the “Chamber Orchestra Mannheim – UNESCO City of Music” is a renowned classical orchestra with a tradition of more than 60 years. Its 14 selected international musicians together with its organization of business and management administration as well as its constituency and furthermore its friends-association maintains the important tradition of the so called “Mannheim-School”, playing a crucial role within the entire musicology. Being home-based in the City of Mannheim, Germany – officially an UNESCO City of Music – the orchestra does not only perform its regular regional classical concerts, but also is booked for more than 90 shows all over Germany, all over Europe per year. While maintaining classical music tradition each of the members of the orchestra and its administration at the same time clearly recognizes and understands not only its responsibility for societal and environmental issues, but also its capability and outreach in order to spread the gospel of the values reflected within the 10 UN Global Compact principles. Based on this self-conception the Chamber Orchestra Mannheim as a non-profit civil society organization supports a variety of public sustainable development initiatives. Furthermore the orchestra already today proactively reflects the spirit of the UN Global Compact by transforming / translating its 10 principles into a tailor made classical concert performance called “440-Hertz”.

With a view to the fact, that our registered society’s philosophy is clearly driven by the concept of sustainable development we not only believe that our action is fully in line with the Global Compact’s principles. Furthermore all of us are personally fully convinced, that our cultural work can clearly help to achieve the goals of the UN Global Compact, even so we are a relatively small civil society organization. Knowing that, we nevertheless declare to work towards translating our spirit into concrete action by trying to create synergies, foster networking and

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cooperation and increasing the momentum of the Global Compact Alliance. Especially with a view to our close and excellent relation to leading private sector and media corporations, our intention to create more (cultural based) awareness for the Compact might at the end achieve a multiplying effect.

To sum up, we herewith commit ourselves to undertake regularly tailor-made cultural and societal projects relating to our best-practises specifically and exclusively for the UN Global Compact Initiative in order to support its 10 principles - underlining their crucial importance for the future of the private sector as well as their cultural value for societies in a globalized world.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organization'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.

Mannheim / Germany, December 8<sup>th</sup> of 2016

**Prof. Dr. h.c. Dietmar von Hoyningen-Huene**  
CEO of C.O.M. (registered association)

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dietmar v. Hoyningen-Huene", written over a horizontal line.