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Dear Mr Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that the International Union of Railways (UIC) supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect for human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to advance these principles within our sphere of influence, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholder and the general public.

We also pledge to take part in the activities of the UN Global Compact where appropriate and feasible – through, for instance, participation in Country/Local Networks; involvement in specialized initiatives and workstreams; engagement in partnerships projects; and reviewing and providing commentary to participating companies on their Communications on Progress.

The UIC mission is to promote rail in order to meet the global challenges of mobility and sustainable development. As the world-wide association for cooperation between and promotion of rail-ways, UIC has a strong tradition of working on sustainability issues, both in supporting members in improving their sustainability performance as well as communicating on sector level towards external key stakeholders in order to support development of sustainable transport systems. Supporting the ten principles of the UN Global Compact provides most inspiring, strongest and sound credibility to our efforts, as summarized in the UIC Declaration Sustainable Mobility & Transportation.

Sincerely Yours,

Jean-Pierre Loubinoux

Director General