



10 July 2017

His Excellency Antonio Guterres,
Secretary-General of the United Nations,
760 United Nations Plaza,
New York NY 10017 USA

Dear Secretary General

At the Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW NZ) in April 2017 a presentation on the UN Global Compact was given outlining the Principles with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. This was followed by the moving and passing of the following resolution:

“THAT the New Zealand Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW NZ) Inc resolves to join the UN Global Compact.”

Proposed by BPW New Zealand President
Seconded by BPW New Zealand 1st Vice President Issues

BPW New Zealand is delighted to have the full support of members to join the UNGC and I commit to our organisations's support of the ten UN Global Compact (UNGC) Principles. It is our intent to participate in the activities of the UNGC where possible and to advance its principles through ongoing communication with our members, and advocacy to government and the community.

We will do this in a number of ways:

- We will continue to educate our members about the UNGC
- We will continue to collaborate with other organisations in the preparation of a CEDAW report with particular emphasis on employment issues
- BPW New Zealand administers and promotes the United Nations Women's Empowerment Principles in New Zealand in conjunction with UN Women National Committee Aotearoa New Zealand and three other organisations. Many of our BPW clubs promote the WEPs in their areas.

We recognise that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is our commitment to the biennial submission of a Communication of Engagemtns that describes our efforts to implement the UNGC and to engage with the Global Compact Network. We will undertake this commitment in and accountable and tranparent manner.

Yours sincerely,

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President BPW New Zealand

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