

Damascus, Jul. 4, 2010

H.E. Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General  
United Nations  
New York, NY 10017  
USA

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that Syrian Business Council (SBC) supports the ten principles of the Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. With this communication, we express our intent to advance those principles within our sphere of influence. We are committed to making the Global Compact and its principles part of the strategy, culture and day-to-day operations of our organization, and to engaging in collaborative projects which advance the broader development goals of the United Nations, particularly the Millennium Development Goals.

Syrian Business Council is the leading association representing Syrian private enterprise and excellence. SBC has chosen "Rising Syria" as its slogan, and it aims to create an environment conducive to professional and social interaction among Syrian business leaders to foster their professional and personal development. Members are defined by a common value to promote a good image of Syria and leave a positive mark on society.

SBC aims to serve as a catalyst for the development of our country through various programs. Hence, SBC is committed to support the "Enhancing Civic Engagement in CSR through Inclusive Growth based Civic-Private Sector Partnerships" project. Our commitment will take dual form: SBC as an NGO and its 260 plus business leader members. We will make a clear statement of this commitment to our members and the general public.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the annual submission of a Communication on Progress (COP) that describes our organization's efforts to implement the ten principles. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within two years of joining the Global Compact, and every year thereafter according to the Global Compact COP policy.

Sincerely Yours,

Haytham Joud  
SBC Chairman



CC. Mr. Muhammad Al-Agha