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H.E. António Guterres

Secretary-General

United Nations

New York,

NY 10017 USA

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that Cruelty Free International supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to support the Global Compact advancing these principles, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We also pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following ways:

Whilst Cruelty Free International supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact, our work aligns closest with the three environmental principles, 7 to 9. We wish to engage with other participants in the Compact to build innovative new partnerships with a broad range of stakeholders to promote corporate sustainability, specifically non-animal alternatives to scientific testing and research. Cruelty Free International provides expertise and technical support for businesses wishing to implement a more sustainable, humane approach to testing, science and research.

Our dedicated team are experts in their fields, combining award-winning campaigning, political lobbying, pioneering undercover investigations, scientific and legal expertise and corporate responsibility.

Our Leaping Bunny certification is the international gold standard for non-animal tested consumer products. At Cruelty Free International we are passionate about helping businesses to demonstrate that their consumer products are cruelty free. Internationally, some 1,000 companies are proud to be Leaping Bunny certified. Many display the Leaping Bunny logo on their products, allowing shoppers to identify and choose products that are not animal tested.

Cruelty Free International has worked across the world, from the UK to India, Australia to South Korea. We recognise that our impact is stronger when we act together with others, utilising local knowledge and skills to have a meaningful impact on the ground in communities worldwide. Cruelty Free International will also engage with and support existing platforms within the Global Compact, specifically the environmental and sustainable development platform.

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.

Sincerely yours,

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