



**INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY for QUALITY**

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Ban Ki-Moon  
Secretary-General of the United Nations  
United Nations  
New York, NY 10017


Dear Mr. Ban,

The Board of Directors of the International Academy for Quality (IAQ) has unanimously voted to endorse the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) which is in full alignment with the fundamental purpose of our own non-governmental organization: “to advance, worldwide, the knowledge, understanding and communication of the philosophy, theory and practice of all activities involved in achieving quality for the benefit of people.” The philosophy of quality, in its broadest sense, is embedded in the principles of social democracy and is fully aligned with the ten principles of the global compact relating to human rights, labor standards, the environment and anti-corruption. It is therefore without reservation that we support these core values.

The Academy has 141 members who are elected by their peers and our current global coverage includes 41 nations. We have a history that dates back to our founding in 1966 which was a joint venture of the American Society for Quality (ASQ), the European Organization for Quality (EOQ) and the Union of Japanese Scientists and Engineers (JUSE). In the past the Academy has supported the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and our members have helped to establish national quality organizations in Argentina, Azerbaijan, Brazil, China, India, Russia and Vietnam, to name just a few of the countries where we have been active.

The Academy congratulates the United Nations upon its global efforts to develop a civil society and we believe that quality philosophy, theory and practice are critical ingredients for achieving improved quality of life for mankind.

Highest regards,



Gregory H. Watson  
Acting Chairman of the Board and President

cc: IAQ Administrative Office