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H.E. António Guterres
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, NY 10017 USA

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

IISD 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.

IISD's mission is to promote human development and environmental sustainability, which aligns well with the Ten Principles.

IISD currently reports on international negotiations, conducts rigorous research, and engages citizens, businesses and policy-makers on the shared goal of developing sustainably. Once engaged with the UN Global Compact, IISD will continue its mission, broadening its partnerships and increasing its engagement with stakeholders, both business and non-business. Further, IISD will transform information and data into knowledge that supports sustainable development and SDG Goals through the SDG Hub and we look forward to enhancing our capability through involvement in Global Compact networks and platforms.

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.

IISD is honoured to be connected with many UN agencies and offices, (such as ECOSOC, UNEP and UNCTAD), and looks forward to a formal engagement with the UN Global Compact and its many participants across various sectors.

Sincerely yours,



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