

H.E. António Guterres  
Secretary-General  
United Nations  
New York,  
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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

### **Participation in the UN Global Compact**

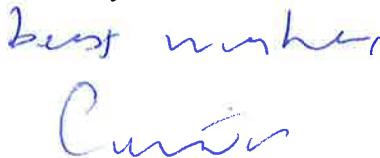
I am pleased to confirm that the British Council supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to support the Global Compact advancing these principles, and will make a clear statement 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 way(s):

- Implement the UN Global Compact's Ten Principles through the British Council's strategy and operations.
- Encourage our partners to participate in the UN Global Compact.

We recognise that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organisation'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.

Yours sincerely



Sir Ciarán Devane