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


Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that BIDAYA supports the ten principles of the Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. With this communication, we express our intent to advance those principles within our sphere of influence, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

BIDAYA is a private foundation which supports disadvantaged entrepreneurs start their businesses by providing seed funding and business support. Our mandate includes several aspects of the millennium development goals including poverty alleviation, gender equality, child health, environmental sustainability, and global partnership. We support the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; encourage high labor standards; and promote and support sound environmental practices with all our supported enterprises.

Please find attached general information about our organization, as well as the contact details of the focal point for communication with the Global Compact Office.

Sincerely yours,


Rana Shanawani
Chief Executive Officer

