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

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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that the University of Leicester 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):

- Conduct applied research and thought leadership to advance best practices.
- Promote UN Global Compact Ten Principles, and educate a variety of audiences about sustainability and social impact.
- Support UN Global Compact business participants in implementing and reporting on their sustainability efforts.
- Continue to lend capacity to Global Compact Local Networks, in particular through our membership of Principles for Responsible Management Education.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Paul Boyle
President and Vice-Chancellor