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Dear Mr. Secretary General, I am pleased to confirm that Belgrade Centre for Human Rights supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, 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):

We would promote the UN Global Compact Ten Principles and educate a variety of audiences about sustainability, and help with our experience and expertise to shape the most effective ideas, develop tools and research. Mission of Belgrade Centre for Human Rights (BCHR) is promotion and protection of human rights, education, improvement of legislation, practice, culture and competences in the field of human rights, and establishment of the rule of law. BCHR already works in accordance with Ten Principles, and promotes them through its work. Also, BCHR implemented various activities aimed at link between businesses and human rights (see here), and is continuously devoted to establishing, educating and strengthening society in a way that both state, private and NGO sector respect in its work human rights and rule of law, which are the basis of the Ten Principles. Also, we are dedicated to analyzing and advancing best practices.

BCHR has a network of partners and associates locally and globally, and is always open for sharing knowledge, experience and expertise. Therefore, we would gladly lend our capacities to Global Compact Local Networks, and the UN Global Compact in New York.

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.

Sincerely yours,

Sonja Tošković, Executive Director