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

I am pleased to confirm that VSO 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 through our work on partnerships with private sector organisations at the global level, and wherever we implement our programs. As a development organisation working through volunteers, VSO engages with the private sector in a number of distinctive ways that lever impact for poor and marginalised people. These include supporting the delivery of programmes through leveraging resources, and as a source of social innovation in developing new approaches. Each lever has varying potential for improving impact by contributing to SDG 17. We commit to approach partnerships in line with the following principles:

- Focussing on changes that make a difference to the lives of poor and marginalised people with clear objectives, monitoring and evaluation;
- Accountability and transparency – in and between each other, to donors and relevant authorities and to the people the partnership aims to benefit;
- Sharing learning and willingness to change as a result of learning
- Promoting sustainable local ownership and respect for sovereignty of local organisations.



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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr Philip Goodwin', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr Philip Goodwin  
CEO