

20 June 2018

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

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that the International Marine Purchasing Association (IMPA) 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.

In our capacity as an Industry Association comprising of shipping and supplying companies of all sizes in the maritime industry, we pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact by:

- Encouraging the Association's members to join the UN Global Compact and creating a better understanding of the benefits of joining the Global Compact Local Networks through communication materials:
 - Promotion article in the Association's Official Journal, Marine Trader, published eight times per year and circulated to more than 2,000 professionals in the marine procurement industry;
 - Promotion article on the official website of the Association (www.impa.net), as well as on the website of IMPA's Responsible Supply Chain Management (RSCM) Initiative, IMPA ACT (www.impa-act.org).
 - Use of the 'We support the UN Global Compact' logo in the majority of our communications to the Association's members, as well as any relevant pocket guides, brochures, flyers and posters.
- Creating awareness of the Ten UN Principles and corporate sustainability in marine procurement through:
 - Continuous development and expansion of the Association's IMPA ACT Initiative, the world's first initiative on RSCM within the marine procurement industry that is based on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) and the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact;
 - Growth of IMPA ACT's Knowledge Centre through the inclusion of more sector-specific advice, guidance and tools on key sustainability issues and promotion of best practices within the marine procurement sector;
 - Development and promotion of IMPA ACT's Supplier Code of Conduct, our pioneer industry standard that is based on the UNGPs and the Ten UN Principles, and that is central to IMPA's RSCM Initiative;
 - Engagement with marine purchasers, ship owners and suppliers in collective action at the Association's main events (www.impaevents.com), IMPA London, IMPA Greece and IMPA Singapore, and promotion of corporate sustainability, key UN goals and relevant Initiatives at other learning and dialogue events.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our 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,
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