

His Excellency António Guterres
Secretary General of the United Nations
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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

As an organisation that supports individuals to live, learn and work as independently as they choose, whatever their ability, I am writing to confirm that Leonard Cheshire proudly supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

We hereby express our commitment and intent to support the advancement of these principles under the UN Global Compact especially in support of persons with disabilities, 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, including the following ways:

- We plan to join in with our local area network and participate in working groups related to the Sustainable Development Goals especially in relation to the inclusion of persons with disabilities.
- We plan to link our current and future private sector partners such as Accenture with the UN Global Compact and encourage them to become active members.
- We will continue to conduct research to identify the best ways to fulfil human rights for persons with disabilities, and demonstrate thought leadership.
- We will continue to engage with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and other international institutions to advance labour union rights and decent work.
- We will also encourage our partners to implement the principles outlined in the UN Global Compact.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes how we will support the implementation of the ten principles and engage with the UN Global Compact.

As we strongly support public accountability and transparency, we commit to report on progress within two years of joining the UN Global Compact and every two years thereafter according to the UN Global Compact COE policy.

We look forward to sharing our progress.

Sincerely yours,



Neil Heslop
Chief Executive