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H.E. António Guterres
Secretary-General
United Nations
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Your Excellency,

The International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) is a CGIAR Research Centre, a global partnership for a food-secure future. ILRI works in a global network that helps reduce poverty, hunger and environmental degradation by enhancing animal agriculture in developing countries through research for better and more sustainable use of livestock. We work at the crossroads of livestock and poverty, bringing high-quality science and capacity-building to bear on poverty reduction and sustainable development. We work across Africa and Asia. ILRI is a non-profit-making and non-governmental organization with its headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, and a second principal campus in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. We employ over 700 staff from about 40 countries.

On behalf of ILRI, I am pleased to support our interest in the United Nations Global Compact.

ILRI pledges to advance the following UN agenda:

- Endorse the Ten Principles of the UN Global compact on: human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.
- The 2030 Sustainable Development Goals
- A clear statement that ILRI supports the Global Compact will be made to our stakeholders, donors and the public.

We acknowledge our responsibility for the UN Communication of Engagement (CoE) and agree to submit the annual progress report required within two years of joining the initiative and biannually thereafter to demonstrate our public accountability and transparency to the UN Global Compact.

Yours sincerely,



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