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

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

BBC Media Action is a UK-registered charity that uses media to advance sustainable development outcomes. Our premise is that responsible media are essential to democracy. With our partners we reach millions through creative communication and trusted media, helping people have their say, understand their rights, responsibilities and each other, and take action to transform their lives.

I am pleased to confirm that BBC Media Action supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact. With this commitment, we express our intent to support the Global Compact advancing these principles.

In our workplaces around the world we comply with all relevant laws and honour international standards with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

In the communities in which we work, together with our media and communication partners, we support human rights and the principles of the Global Compact by:

- Contributing to public debate, providing individuals and communities with opportunities to express their views, including on labour and business-related issues where relevant;
- Fostering improved freedom of expression, public health, access to education and the ability of communities to respond to environmental challenges.

Further, we commit to engage in UN forums, applying our expertise in media and communications in support of the SDGs by 2030.

We commit to report on progress within two years of joining the Global Compact and every two years thereafter according to the Global Compact Communication on Engagement (COE) policy.

Sincerely yours,

Caroline Nursey

Executive Director

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