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

Dear Mr. Secretary-General

I am pleased to confirm that the Population Council supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, 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 in the following ways:

- Conduct research to address critical health and development issues (HIV/AIDS; Reproductive Health; and Gender, Youth and Poverty)
- Increase awareness of problems faced by the most vulnerable populations and offer evidence-based solutions.
- Conduct applied research and thought leadership to advance best practices.
- Implement the UN Global Compact's Ten Principles through the Council's own strategy and operations
- Encourage the Council's partners and others we interact with to participate in the UN Global Compact
- Commit to protect, respect and advance human rights in the Council's programs and operations.

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.

Sincerely yours,



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President