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H.E. António Guterres
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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

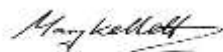
I am pleased to confirm that The Open University supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to support the Global Compact advancing these principles, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We also pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following way(s):

- Conduct applied research and thought leadership to advance best practices through our International Development and Inclusive Innovation Priority Research Area.
- Support the promotion of the UN Global Compact Ten Principles and the UN Sustainable Development Goals across the four nations of the UK in which The Open University operates, and on its international development programmes overseas.

We recognise that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organisation'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.

Yours sincerely



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