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

Dear Secretary-General,

We are writing to inform you that we are delighted to support the 10 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:

- Operate responsibly, in alignment with <u>universal sustainability principles</u>;
- Take actions that support the society;
- Commit to the effort from our organization's highest level, pushing sustainability deep into our DNA;
- Report on our ongoing efforts;
- Engage locally where possible.

We recognize that a key requirement for the 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 10 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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