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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 Christian Aid 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):

- Looking at how the ten principles can be further applied within the supply chains relating to our own operations, in particular linked to modern day slavery;
- Further addressing the impact of our operations on climate change, including reducing our carbon footprint;
- Ensuring that Christian Aid continues to be an equal opportunities employer, and takes steps to reduce our gender pay gap;
- Campaigning towards businesses and investors to ensure they shift from funding fossil fuels to renewable sources of energy, and disclose their carbon emissions;
- Doing advocacy work to upgrade the UN Global Compact to include an 11th principle on tax responsibility, which was a commitment made at the Addis Ababa Tax Initiative in 2015;
- Engaging with the private sector with view of aligning their business models with the Paris Agreement of 1.5 degrees of maximum global warming, the SDGs in terms of tackling various intersecting inequalities and working towards decent work;
- Campaigning for greater business transparency and accountability on mandatory human rights protection, especially linked with the gendered impacts of human rights and country-bycountry tax reporting;
- Conducting and publishing briefings and research on the impact of business on human rights, sustainable development goals and climate change targets.

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.

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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,

Amanda Khozi Mukwashi Chief Executive Officer