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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

we are pleased to confirm that the BANK IM BISTUM ESSEN eG (Bank in the Diocese of Essen) supports the ten principles of the Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti- corruption. As a cooperative and ethical-oriented Bank this principles since our foundation 45 years ago are naturally basic in our business-model, strategy and daily operational work. Anyway with this communication, we express our intent to advance those principles within our sphere of influence. We are committed to keep the Global Compact and its principles part of the strategy, culture and day-to-day operations of our company, and to engaging in collaborative projects which advance the broader development goals of the United Nations, particularly the Millennium Development Goals. BANK IM BISTUM ESSEN eG will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the annual submission of a Communication on Progress (COP) that describes our company's efforts to implement the ten principles. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within ohne year of joining the Global Compact, and annually thereafter according to the Global Compact COP policy.

Sincerely yours

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