

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

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

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

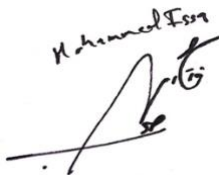
I am pleased to confirm that **Ibtikr for Empowerment and Social Entrepreneurship** supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to support the Global Compact advancing these principles, 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 way(s):

- Propose and implement partnerships on corporate sustainability and engage with other stakeholders;
- Promote education for social innovation. Ibtikar wants to give Palestinians an opportunity to use their creativity to respond to social issues and contribute effectively to building a fairer, more caring and equal society;
- Work to empower and support young people to realize their potential as social innovators, giving them the needed skills to tackle the social issues that they face in their communities;
- Convince the Palestinian companies to align their strategies with SDGs;
- Accelerate progress on goals through ensuring that the voices of marginalized population are heard by business owners, decision maker and influencers.

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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