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

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that California State University, Fresno supports the ten principles of the Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor rights, the protection of the environment, and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to support and advance those principles and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our faculty, students, partners, alumni and the general public.

California State University, Fresno is a public university with about 25,000 students that serves the richly diverse region of Central California. The U.S. Department of Education designates our university as a Hispanic-Serving and an Asian American, and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution. This year, our university received its sixth Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine in recognition of our diversity and inclusion efforts. We are especially proud of the programs offered through the work done by the President's Commission on Human Relations and Equity. As one of the first universities to be awarded the Carnegie Foundation's Community Engagement Classification in 2007 (and renewed in 2015), our University is committed to community service. The Jan and Bud and Jan Richter Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning reports our students have engaged in over 1 million hours of community service each year.

We commit to making the Global Compact, the ten principles, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) part of our strategy, culture, day-to-day teaching, research, and service to our local and global community. Some of the ways in which we plan to participate and engage in the UN Global Compact and advance its goals include:

- Conducting and disseminating faculty and student-led applied research and thought leadership to advance best practices on the principles and SDGs
- Promoting the UN Global Compact Ten Principles and SDGs and educate a variety of audiences about the SDGs through community presentations, projects, and curricular revisions/modifications
- Reviewing and revising our own practices to model sustainable business practices

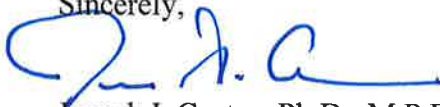
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We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organization's efforts to support the implementation of the ten principles and to engage with the Global Compact. We support public accountability and transparency, and commit to report on our progress within two years of joining Global Compact and every two years thereafter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. I. Castro", written over a horizontal line.

Joseph I. Castro, Ph.D., M.P.P.
President