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

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am honored to inform you that Hydrobox NV actively supports the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

Hydrobox brings power to the people! Our mission is to provide **reliable, affordable and sustainable access to energy in regions that do not have this today**. We offer an innovative turnkey solution that relies on the most efficient, affordable and sustainable source of energy: hydropower. Together with our trusted partners, we develop small hydro power plants that harvest the power of running water and then transform it into electricity for rural households in developing countries. With each power plant, we aim to enable the **creation of local industry, support SME growth and empower** hundreds or thousands of households. The mini power plants **respect the environment** and do not consume any water.

We respect the principles of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption and do not tolerate any management, staff or suppliers to disrespect those

With this communication, we confirm our commitment to make UN Global Compact and its principles part of the strategy, culture and day-to-day operations of our company. In parallel, we express our intent to engage in collaborative projects which advance the broader development goals of the United Nations, particularly the Sustainable Development Goals. Hydrobox NV 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 UN 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 one year of joining the UN Global Compact, and annually thereafter according to the UN Global Compact COP policy. This includes:

- ✓ A statement signed by the chief executive expressing continued support for the UN Global Compact and renewing our ongoing commitment to the initiative and its principles. This is in addition to this initial letter of commitment to join the UN Global Compact.
- ✓ A description of practical actions (policies, procedures, activities) that the company has taken to implement the UN Global Compact principles in each of the four issue areas (human rights, labour, environment, anti-corruption).
- ✓ A measurement of outcomes:
 - Additional employment created respecting the human rights
 - Progress on households with access to electricity and SMEs connected to the grid enabling empowerment of the rural communities
 - Confirmation no structural works have been done which harm the environment

Sincerely yours,



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