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

I am pleased to confirm that HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation 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.

HELVETAS lives and supports the principles expressed in the UNGC and perceives the UNGC initiative as an important first step in the claim and breakthrough of responsible business practices. However, beyond the UNGC, HELVETAS decisively advocates for more binding rules for responsible businesses practices and engages in respective initiatives, as currently the corporate responsibility initiative (KOVI) in Switzerland. HELVETAS believes that commitments and rules must become more explicit and binding for companies worldwide in order to achieve a real transformation to sustainable and fair business practices around the globe. With this objective in mind, HELVETAS looks forward to participating in the UN Global Compact's engagement mechanisms, including policy dialogues, local networks and partnership projects.


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,

HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation



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