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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that Hasso Plattner Institute for Digital Engineering 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 ways:

1. HPI is the Digital Lab of Germany. Its mission is to educate future leaders in the IT industry and conduct top-notch research in the field of computer science and Design Thinking. HPI is since its inception committed to Excellency in applied research to make the most impact on society. Research at HPI is mostly conducted together with strong partners from industry, public administration and societal organizations. In its various activities HPI contributes to cutting edge research as demonstrated by the invention of the latest in-memory data base technology (currently the flag ship product of SAP as SAP HANA), which enables real-time big data analysis for the first time in history. However, HPI is also engaged in societal projects on a large scale by providing free of charge online education via its MOOC platform openHPI, which offers more than 300 MOOCs for currently about 4,5 million learners worldwide.
2. Together with Stanford University HPI has developed the innovation methodology Design Thinking, which is taught today at countless academic institutions worldwide. The Design Thinking methodology focusses on using the power of diverse teams to tackle global "wicked" problems and find solutions for challenges of businesses, civil society and academia. 11 institutions world-wide form the Global Design Thinking Alliance managed by HPI in Potsdam and New York City.

3. HPI pledges to promote the ten principles of the UNGC at its numerous events all around the globe. Every year HPI conducts more than 200 events on its branch offices on five continents.
4. HPI is heavily engaged in promoting the 17 sustainability development goals by leveraging digital technologies in diverse settings to make the most impact on societies worldwide. HPI's most prominent contributions are excellent free of charge online education and advances in "Green IT" as the rise in digital technologies increasingly form a threat to the global climate because of tremendous energy consumption for latest Cloud-, AI-, and Blockchain technologies. HPI is focused to develop new energy saving hardware infrastructures, more efficient algorithms to significantly decrease energy consumption and carbon emissions.
5. HPI is committed to fight discriminations on any level. Digital technologies of HPI provide access to education, digital applications and services to people around the globe on low-threshold and to all social groups regardless of nationality, gender, social status and age. One of the major goals of HPI is to support women to be included in IT for a more sovereign life with equal career opportunities in a male dominated sector.
6. HPI pledges to support Global Compact Local Networks and the UN Global Compact in New York City in its activities by offering meeting spaces. HPI owns various facilities at its branch offices worldwide, incl. New York City.

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,



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