

United Nations

Att.: H.E. António Guterres Secretary-General

New York NY 10017 USA

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## Participation in UN Global Compact

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that Nordea-fonden 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 within our sphere of influence and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

Nordea-fonden has in 2019 updated its ESG-principles and according to the values and donations of the foundation we will primarily have focus on advancing the *Environment* principles in UN Global Compact and advancing SDG number 3: *Well-being and Good Health* under UN PRI.

Nordea-fonden is a philanthropic foundation - <u>About Nordea-fonden</u> - supporting activities which promote good living in Denmark. Since 1989, we have allocated returns to support non-profit, public and charitable purposes. In 2019, we expect to donate EUR 67 million. Our focus is on health & food, exercise, culture and nature. We also offer a residence programme for high-level academics as well as grants to Danish students studying abroad.

We pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact where appropriate and feasible and we will, for instance, do that by seeking participation in national or local Networks, engaging in partnership projects and through the implementation of our investment strategy.

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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