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H.E. Antonio Guterres,  
Secretary General,  
United Nations,  
New York  
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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

GOAL supports the ten principles of the Global Compact, with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. We express our intent to support the Global Compact to advance the ten principles.

We also pledge to participate in and engage with the Global Compact. We will work closely with the United Nations, Government, NGO partners and businesses through our programmes in Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, and in Ireland. In line with GOAL's vision, we are committed to a world where poverty is significantly reduced, where vulnerable communities are resilient, where barriers to wellbeing are addressed, and where everyone has equal rights and opportunities.

GOAL is committed to supporting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. We are presently working in 13 countries (Ethiopia, Haiti, Honduras, Iraq, Malawi, Niger, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Turkey, Uganda, Zimbabwe), primarily in fragile settings, in the most difficult and severe poverty-affected areas. We would like to join the reporting on the SDGs Action Platform where we consider that we can contribute significantly in terms of achieving the SDGs in the most unstable regions. We will support the adoption of the children's rights and business principles. Our support in acting in response to the refugee crisis is an area where we can also significantly contribute since the number of refugees and internally displaced populations is at its highest since the second world war. We would also like to support the action platform for breakthrough innovation for achievement of the SDGs, as we consider that this is an area where we can significantly contribute through our work in building resilience of critical systems (e.g., health, economic, environmental, etc.), creating the enabling environment within which communities can preserve development gains in the face of shocks and stresses.



We recognise that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE), that describes our organisation'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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Siobhan Walsh", written over a thin horizontal line.

Siobhan Walsh,

CEO, GOAL