



GEORGIAN
HAZELNUT
GROWERS
ASSOCIATION

08 July 2020, Georgia

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

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that Georgian Hazelnut Growers Association 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 way(s):

- We organize annual forum of collecting hazelnuts that symbolizes the launch of harvest season. We bring together senior government officials, experts and leaders of industry to share best practices and discuss challenges and opportunities to promote sustainable development issues in our business sector;
- We promote industry best practices from our local experience as well as international lessons learnt;
- We facilitate and support partnerships and initiatives among local farmers, business owners, municipalities and central government to expand our business, attract new investments and make our business more sustainable.

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,

Georgian Hazelnut Growers Association
Merab Chitanava
Chairman of Executive Board