Attn:
H.E. António Guterres
Secretary General of the United Nations
New York, NY USA 10017

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that the World Trade Centers Association ("WTCA"), a non-profit international trade association promoting peace through trade, supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. The WTCA is a vibrant network of 322 World Trade Centers in nearly 100 countries. 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 as a Non-Business Participant in the areas of COVID response and building trust in Trade, Gender Equality, Sustainable Supply Chains, Sustainable Finance and Corporate Finance. We would engage through thought leadership to advance best practices, connecting with UN Global Compact Business Participants and Local Networks, actively participating in global and local events as well as fostering new partnerships.

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,

John E. Drew
Chairman
World Trade Centers Association

Cc: Robin van Puyenbroeck, Executive Director - BD