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

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that the University of Birmingham supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, 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):

- By conducting world leading research into some of the world's most pressing challenges, as expressed by the UN Sustainable Development Goals. This includes research into combatting pollution, providing better health care and reducing inequalities.
- Continuing to train and educate future generations of medical professionals, engineers, environmental scientists, business, policy and creative leaders enabling them to engage with the challenges outlined by the UN and the Global Compact.
- Publicising and raising awareness of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and their importance amongst staff, students and the wider public, through our research and educational activities.



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.

Best wishes

Professor Sir David Eastwood
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