

12 November 2020

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

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that Save the Children UK 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 we will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

Save the Children UK is a child rights organisation, having helped create the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. All our activities are based on human rights and our Child Rights Programming, our advocacy, our employment of staff and activities in communities are all based on human rights principles, as well as the wider principles of the UN Global Compact.

In addition to seeking to participate in the UNGC UK network, we pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following ways:

- In 2012, Save the Children, UN Global Compact and UNICEF developed the Child's Rights and Business Principles – providing comprehensive guidelines on what business can do in the workplace, marketplace and community to respect and support children's rights. Save the Children UK will continue to build on this, and collaborate with our expert colleagues based in Sweden where we have established a global Centre for Child Rights and Business – a centre of excellence bringing together research, advocacy and training to work with business on their sustainability agenda and practices relating to children.
- Partnerships are the catalyst that sit at the centre of Save the Children's Theory of Change – our goal is to collaborate with the private sector, and other partners, to share knowledge, influence and build capacity to ensure children's rights are met. We will continue to advocate to business for better practices and policies - working

- to build companies' understanding of their core business effects on children's rights and to influence them to become actors for children's rights through maximising the positive effect they can have.
- We take a collaborative approach, harnessing the skills and resources from business to create new, innovative solutions. By taking this approach we will continue to have the opportunity to enhance business operations, sustainability and strengthen supply chains to create the greatest change for children. We will continue to strive to create a meaningful value exchange between Save the Children and our partners to influence business practice and create deeper, lasting impacts.

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,



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