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Dear Mr Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH), the chartered body for occupational safety and health (OSH) professionals and international NGO, 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.

Formed in 1945, IOSH has become leader of a profession that has transformed the world of work, making it a safer, healthier place to be. It is a status identified by business and why Chartered Membership of IOSH is recognised worldwide as the hallmark of professional excellence in workplace safety and health. IOSH trains 180,000 delegates annually to lead, manage and work more safely, healthily and sustainably and has a reach that extends into supply chains.

We also pledge to participate in, and engage with, the UN Global Compact in line with our strategy and priorities and in workstreams relevant to our OSH expertise. We pledge to continue to promote the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the many target areas related to OSH including, but not limited to, the following:

- SDG 3: Good health and well-being
- SDG 4: Quality education
- SDG 6: Clean water and sanitation
- SDG 8: Decent work and economic growth
- SDG 10: Reduced inequalities
- SDG 12: Responsible consumption and production
- SDG 13: Climate action.

IOSH wishes to engage and participate as a not-for-profit business organisation in all UN Global Compact initiatives involving OSH and therefore foster sustainable development, in particular by:

- supporting the principle that OSH is a fundamental right for all workers and advocating for the respect of internationally proclaimed human rights, especially labour rights and the right of people to work in safe and healthy workplaces
- supporting and advocating for the respect of human rights and decent work worldwide, especially labour rights, in the business sector and across supply chains
- proposing and implementing partnerships on corporate sustainability as regarding OSH and engaging with other stakeholders
- supporting and calling for the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour, including modern slavery
- sharing its policy positions and relevant research and participating in joint research initiatives
- sharing its OSH guidance and other free resources for the benefit of UN Global Compact-participating organisations and workplaces worldwide
- informing stakeholders about its OSH training and courses
- initiating and participating in workstreams and events that discuss and raise awareness of different aspects of OSH, including human capital and sustainability
- participating in relevant public policy and international standards consultations and calls for evidence, such as the recent open call for input from the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights
- fostering resilience and 'building back better' through OSH capacity-building and transparency worldwide in collaborating with networks the International Social Security Association, Center for Safety & Health Sustainability, International Network of Safety & Health Professional Organisations, European Network of Safety and Health Professional Organisations, and the Asia-Pacific Occupational Safety and Health Organization; associations (the Commonwealth), and organizations (the World Travel & Tourism Council), such as appropriate.

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 10 principles and to engage with the Global Compact. We support public accountability, social due diligence standards 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.

Yours sincerely,



Bev Messinger

Chief Executive

Attachment:

- Mission Statement