

H.E. Ban Ki-moon

Secretary-General

**United Nations** 

New York, NY 10017

**USA** 

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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that Antwerp Management School wishes to join the UN Global Compact initiative and that we are committed to aligning our operations and strategies with the ten universally accepted principles of Global Compact in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

Antwerp Management School is an international business school, located in Belgium, that helps its customers in creating sustainable value by cultivating talent to become Global Citizens, mastering the art of making decisions and leading people. This mission has been at the heart of our teachings and interaction with our stakeholders for more than fifty years.

To accomplish this mission, Antwerp Management School delivers "state-of-the-art" management knowledge, anchored in a business and organizational context. Upon a strong basis of knowledge, we build three value pillars that we believe are needed to cultivate and house true Global Citizens:



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We believe our mission, strategy, culture and day-to-day operations to be in line with the Global Compact Principles. Furthermore, with this letter we express our intent to advance the Global Compact principles to our students and executive participants in programs, within our corporate relationships and in the activities and organizations we engage in. Antwerp Management School will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public. In this respect I would like to mention our Competence Center on Corporate Responsibility and the BASF-Deloitte Chair on Sustainability, Prof. Dr. Luc Van Liedekerke, whose focus is on developing, implementing, and disclosing sustainability policies and practices. We do so by offering participants a wide spectrum of knowledge, best practices, management tools and resources, designed to help advance sustainable business models and markets. We hope to get the opportunity to set up collaborative projects with Global Compact members in Belgium and abroad, aimed at advancing the broader development goals of the United Nations.

We look forward to becoming part of the Global Compact community and to actively participate in the Belgian Chapter, involve in specialized initiatives and workstreams, engage in partnership projects and review and provide commentary to participating companies on their Communications on Progress.

Sincerely yours,

Prof. dr. ir. Philippe Naert

Dean, Antwerp Management School