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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that EIVHGI - Europäischer Interessenverband Handel-Gewerbe-Industrie supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to humanights, 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 where appropriate and feasible - through, for instrance, engaging the members in collective action efforts on Global Compact-related issues, involvement in specialized initiatives and workstreams and providing commentary to participating companies on their Communications on Progress.

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,

Alexander Forstinger General Secretary