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Dear Mr Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that the International Co-operative Alliance 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.

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We also pledge to participate in and engage with the Global Compact in the following ways:

- Attracting new participants to the UN Global Compact through our outreach efforts and awareness raising;
- Organizing learning and dialogue events, workshops and training for our members on specific topics relevant to corporate sustainability;
- Providing expertise and/or the voice of our members to Global Compact working groups and special initiatives.
- Engaging our members in collective action efforts on Global Compact-related issues

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication of 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,



Charles Gould
Director-General