



H.E. Ban Ki-Moon
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, NY 10017
USA

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Dear Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that the International Cocoa Initiative (ICI) 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 in advancing these principles and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our members and the general public.

A non-profit foundation established under Swiss law, and governed as a multi-stakeholder initiative, the ICI is a leading organisation promoting children's rights and child protection in the cocoa sector. ICI works with the cocoa industry, civil society and national governments in cocoa-producing countries to ensure a better future for children in cocoa-growing communities and contribute to the elimination of child labour from cocoa-growing. The good practices and standards we advocate are commensurate with the framework of the UN Global Compact's Food and Agriculture Business Principles (FABs) and its Children's Rights and Business Principles (CRBPs). We are committed to working with the UN Global Compact to promote the CRBPs and the FABs in conjunction with our own efforts to drive greater responsibility by businesses in cocoa production.

We understand that participation in the Global Compact requires us to submit a Communication on Engagement (COE) within two years and thereafter biennially. Our COE will describe ICI's collaboration with the Global Compact and how we support its ten principles through the FABs, the CRBPs, and through other aspects of our work.

Sincerely yours,

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Nick Weatherill
Executive Director