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

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that ACPUA (Aragon Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation) supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to advance these principles within our spheres of influence, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and

Principle 2: make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

Principle 3: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;

Principle 4: the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;

Principle 5: the effective abolition of child labour; and

Principle 6: the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

Principle 7: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;

Principle 8: undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and

Principle 9: encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

Principle 10: Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.

We also pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following ways: promote the application of the Global Compact's ten principles in our sphere of influence, participate in the Spanish Global Compact Local Network, support special initiatives and workstreams and participate, according to our capabilities, in global, regional, and local events.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the biannual 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,

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