



Centro de Idiomas INTERCULTURA



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

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

We are writing to express our interest in becoming affiliated with the UN Global Compact. We believe that Intercultura is eligible to become affiliated with UN Global Compact, because we align with your operations and strategies in trying to build the social legitimacy of our business, respecting and defending human rights, labour, environmental and anti-corruption issues. At the same time we encourage innovation and entrepreneurship by contributing to sustainable development and markets.

Intercultura is a language and cultural center devoted to achieving linguistic proficiency in the context of cultural immersion and intercultural education, volunteering and local family involvement. Though a private enterprise, the majority of our profits are reinvested into academic and professional development for our staff, improvement of student facilities, and expansion of our community and cultural activities. On a large scale, we hope to provide a model work environment, and within our staff and clients, promote global awareness and tolerance through this sharing of cultures. This is also one of the main reasons why we want to get involved in the UN Global Compact.

As a business we support and respect the protection of international Human Rights and ensure that we are not complicit in Human Rights abuses. Our company is very concerned with Environmental Issues and we have implemented several environmentally- focused programs into our daily operations. Our labour program is favorable for our employees, avoiding discrimination and going above and beyond to recognize employee contributions. Concerning Anti-Corruption, we already take part in the municipal town improvement committee on this theme, and are determined to continue the fight to improve this aspect of our society.

Overall, we consider ourselves to be open to suggestions for change, and committed to fully aligning ourselves with the UN Global Compact's tenets in the fields of human rights, labour standards, respect for the environment and anti-corruption. For this reason, we hope, with the UN Global Compact, to contribute to the forging of a world which places corporate responsibility over profit margins and ensures a just and ethical treatment for people and the environment. We commit to submitting annual Communications on Progress describing our efforts to uphold the ten principles of the UN Global Compact, in order to further this goal.

Please find attached our general company and focal contact information.

Sincerely,

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