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His Excellency Ban Ki-moon
Secretary General
United Nations
New York, NY 10017
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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that the INTERNATIONAL HOTEL AND RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION (IH&RA) 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 sphere of influence, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders, members and the general public.

We also pledge to take part in the activities of the UN Global Compact where appropriate and feasible-through, for instance, participation in all local networks and on the international global sector; involvement in specialized initiatives and workstreams; engagement in partnership projects, and reviewing and providing commentary to participating companies on their communications on Progress.

Sincerely,

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