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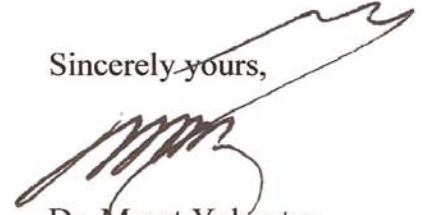
Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that the Executive Board of the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce (ICOC), which is the largest professional organization in Turkey and is among the 5 largest Chambers in the world with approximately 300.000 members, supports the ten principles of the Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. With this communication, we express as the ICOC -that represents 1/4 of all companies established in Turkey, generates 22% of GNP and realizes almost half of Turkey's exports- our intent to advance those principles within our sphere of influence, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

In that regards, we shall, where appropriate and feasible, utilizing own or third party resources, take part in the activities of the UN Global Compact; strive to attract new participants from our membership through outreach and awareness raising; implement projects and organize learning events and workshops on the topic of corporate citizenship in general and the Global Compact in specific; act as a platform for sharing of experiences and ideas. It would be my gratitude to present you further information about our Chamber and her plans to take forward the Global Compact principles and to engage in collaborative partnerships which help to advance the broader development goals of the United Nations, particularly the Millennium Development Goals.

While hoping to see the ICOC within the partners of the Global Compact, please receive our best regards.

Sincerely yours,



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