

ELIMINATING CHILD LABOUR IN TOBACCO GROWING FOUNDATION

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

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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

The Eliminating Child Labour in Tobacco Growing Foundation (ECLT) is a global leader in preventing child labour in tobacco agriculture, and protecting and improving the lives of children in tobacco-growing areas. A non-profit foundation established under Swiss law in 2000 by a partnership of trade unions (International Union of Food, Agriculture and Tourism Workers - IUF), business (British American Tobacco - BAT) and farmers (International Tobacco Growers' Association - ITGA) under the aegis of the International Labour Organization (ILO), ECLT currently counts 13 corporate members and the ITGA on its Board and is advised by the ILO and Save the Children Switzerland.

Given its full membership to the ILO Child Labour Platform, ECLT is hereby applying for membership to the UN Global Compact in a view to advance its mission even further.

I am pleased to confirm that ECLT Foundation supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anticorruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to support the Global Compact advancing these principles, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public. ECLT also pledges to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in several relevant ways, including the following:

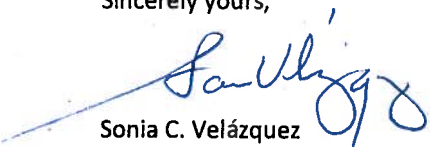
- Engaging with and becoming a proactive member of the Global Compact Switzerland network; sharing its expertise and good practices on how to keep children in school and out of labour and how to promote quality employment opportunities for young workers;
- Continuing ECLT's culture of partnering with other organizations at a global and local level, such as its implementing partners (Save the Children, Winrock International, Defense of Children International, UWESO) and the ILO to tackle the root causes of child labour;
- Supporting ECLT Foundation's Members in the promotion, dissemination and integration of their Pledge of Commitment and Minimum Requirements on combatting child labour signed on 10 December 2014, a sector-wide commitment consistent with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the Children's Rights and Business Principles;
- Participating proactively in Global Compact and other human rights-related multi-stakeholder and advocacy initiatives and events.

ECLT Foundation understands that a key requirement for its participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes ECLT Foundation's efforts to support the implementation of the ten principles and to engage with the Global Compact. We commit to report on progress within two years of joining the Global Compact and every two years from joining thereafter according to the Global Compact COE policy.

I sincerely hope ECLT Foundation can become a full-fledged member of the Global Compact and promptly start its direct contribution to its principles and mission.

I thank you and remain

Sincerely yours,


Sonia C. Velázquez
Executive Director

Making a better life for children in tobacco-growing communities