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H.E. Ban Ki-Moon
Secretary-General United Nations
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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that the International Council for Small Business (www.ICSB.org) 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.

We also pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact by promoting the UN Global Compact to our members in over 80 countries worldwide through education, research, policy and practice. ICSB world-conference held every June will promote the new Sustainable Development Goals and ask our members that constitute different pillars and groups of society to submit knowledge in terms of academic papers, research, workshops, and experiential workshops.

ICSB is the oldest organization (founded in 1955) and largest in the world (in over 80 countries) that promote entrepreneurship and SME development. ICSB mission is *Global Knowledge – Global Networks*. The participation of experts, entrepreneurs and small and medium enterprise owners in the support and implementation of the Global Compact and the new Sustainable Goals is as important and critical as ever.

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

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