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

Dear Excellency,

The Lebanon Green Building Council (LGBC) supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to support the Global Compact in 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 in the following ways:

1 – Addressing the local context: In Lebanon, the situation is severe and problems are acute. Environmental terrorism is depleting the quality of our environment and buildings. The 110 members of the LGBC are strong advocates of different environmental issues and aim to improve the quality of the built environment.

2 - Enhancing awareness: The LGBC is one of the very few green building councils that has created a rating system that is tailored to a particular context. This rating system is called "ARZ" and it addresses the environmental condition of existing commercial buildings. We aim at supporting the ARZ Building Rating System and to initiate work on a new rating "ARZ for New Residential Buildings" and to boost LGBC's communication and marketing of ARZ.

3 – Developing outreach: LGBC collaborates with key national, regional & international organizations. LGBC is seen as a unique body that is involved in Environmental Conferences and offers Educational Seminars for professionals, students and general public.

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 yours,

Mr. Rabih Khairallah  
President, Lebanon Green Building Council

