



H.E. Ban Ki-Moon
Secretary-General
United Nations
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United States of America

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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that Civil Rights Defenders supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anticorruption. Civil Rights Defenders is an independent expert organisation founded in Stockholm in 1982 with the aim of defending human rights, in particular people's civil and political rights, while also supporting and empowering human rights defenders at risk. A substantial part of our funds come from our corporate partners.

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 in the following way:

Civil Rights Defenders will demand from all major corporate partners that they participate in UN Global Compact actively, and publicly support the ten principles of UN Global Compact. We will also encourage them to use the competence and expertise held within the Civil Rights Defenders and our network when doing their Human Rights Due Diligence.

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.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Director

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