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

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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that UPEACE Centre The Hague 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 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. Education about topics related to the Global Compact.
 - 1.1 Social Responsibility course at UPEACE Costa Rica main campus (both face-to-face and on line);
 - 1.2 Integration Project courses at The Hague University of Applied Sciences (THUAS)/MBA in the Hague, the Netherlands (based on specific case studies);
 - 1.3 Summer and Winter school modules at THUAS on topics related to Business & Peace where all principles of the UN Global Compact are clearly emphasized;
 - 1.4 Master Programme on Responsible Management and Sustainable Economic Development at UPEACE Costa Rica main campus;
 - 1.5 Human Rights and Social Works courses and lectures at THUAS.
2. Applied research and thought leadership in relation to Global Compact.
 - 2.1. Within the programme of Business & Peace of UPEACE Centre The Hague, case studies will be carried out to highlight the roles and responsibility of businesses, based on the UNGC/Business4Peace guidelines, while operating in conflict affected areas.



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- 2.2. Within the UPEACE Centre The Hague programme of Water & Peace, in close cooperation with the Dutch Water Diplomacy Consortium, case studies as well as applied research will be carried out to emphasize the connection between Water, Business and Peace taking as a reference the UNGC principles and the Water CEO Mandate.
3. Dissemination of the ten principles of the Global Compact.
 - 3.1. Series of lectures and conferences giving emphasis on how the ten principles of the UNGC foster more responsible behaviours of business in promoting peace.
4. Technical support for Global Compact participants.
 - 4.1. Academic support in terms of applied research and advisory services will be provided to the GC participants, provided availability of financial means.
5. Lending capacity to Global Compact Networks or the GC Offices.
 - 5.1. Staff, researchers, networks and logistic services of UPEACE will be made available upon specific request.

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 CEO policy.

Sincerely yours,

Marius Enthoven
Chairman of UPEACE Centre The Hague