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Dear Secretary General

Commitment Letter - United Nations Global Compact

I am pleased to confirm that Advocates for International Development (A4ID) 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.

A4ID uses the law and the skills of lawyers towards international development. We partner with over 700 NGOs and social enterprises, and with law firms and companies giving us access to over 53,000 lawyers in over 100 countries. We connect lawyers to development organisations to provide advice and assistance on a broad range of legal areas free of charge (pro bono). We also run training for lawyers and law students on how the law intersects with development. Our policy work explores how the law and law firms can be shaped by a better understanding of their place in society and their potential impact on vulnerable communities worldwide, for example, we have led work on the application by law firms of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and we are currently researching links between the law and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

We also pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following ways:

- Continue to propose and implement partnerships on corporate sustainability and engage with stakeholders, particularly within the legal and development communities.
- Support UN Global Compact business participants as they implement and report on their sustainability efforts by providing training and advice.
- Promote the UN Global Compact Ten Principles and educate a variety of audiences about sustainability through our various law and development training courses
- Engage with Global Compact Local Networks, specifically in the United Kingdom, Kenya and India.
- Join issue platforms and workstreams.

We recognise 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.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

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