



CENTER FOR ETHICS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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H.E. Ban Ki-Moon

Secretary-General United Nations

New York, NY 10017

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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that Center for Ethics and Sustainable Development (CESD) 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 by 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 incorporating the Global Compact principles into our internal operations and to communicate progress following the COP requirements. It is important to note that promoting the Global Compact and its principles is one of the outlined objectives of our organization. Therefore we intend to actively promote the Global Compact and its principles through some of our operations which are research, advocacy and strategic communication. And as such will entail the delivery of education on topics related to the Global Compact; and would conduct applied research and thought leadership in relation to the Global Compact; as well as disseminate the Global Compact principles

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 strongly 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,

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