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

Dear H.E. Ban Ki-moon,

The Lebanese American University ("LAU") is a university chartered by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York in the United States of America, operating in Lebanon and recognized by the Ministry of Education in Lebanon by Decree no.9278.

LAU would like to lend its support to the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption. With this commitment LAU expresses its intent to support the UN Global Compact's advancement of these principles. To that end, LAU will make a clear statement of this commitment to its stakeholders and the general public.

LAU also pledges to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following ways:

- Conduct applied research and thought leadership to advance best practices;
- Promote the UN Global Compact's Ten Principles and educate a variety of audiences about sustainability; and
- Join the Principles for Responsible Management Education ("PRME") to:
 - Provide a platform for dialogue, learning, and action on responsible management and leadership education and research,
 - Increase the visibility of PRME and its signatories in the region,
 - Adapt the Six Principles of PRME into the local context, and
 - Develop and promote activities linked to the Six Principles.

LAU recognizes that a key requirement for participation in the UN Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement ("COE") that describes LAU's efforts to support the implementation of the Ten Principles and to engage with the UN Global Compact. LAU supports public accountability and transparency, and therefore commits to report on its progress within two years of joining the UN Global Compact, and every two years thereafter, according to the UN Global Compact COE policy.

Sincerely,

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