



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 Natuurpunt vzw supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, 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.

As a member of the Belgian sustainability network organization The Shift, we also pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following way:

Natuurpunt wants to defend nature and biodiversity and the right of all people on a healthy environment to live in. We work on the protection of natural landscapes and the existing heritage in these landscapes and want to bring nature topics onto the political agenda.

Natuurpunt has several partnerships to advance these societal goals:

- Natuurpunt works together with dozens of local volunteer groups.
- We have partnerships with the Klimaatcoalitie and the Platform Klimaatrechtvaardigheid, national networks that lobbies for climate action.
- Natuurpunt takes action for nature and biodiversity together with international partners as Birdlife International and Eurosite.
- We collaborate with many private and governmental actors to combine nature protection with other goals as economic development.

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.

Sincerely yours,



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