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H.E. Ban Ki-Moon
Secretary-General
United Nations
NEW YORK, NY 10017
USA

By email: sgcentral@un.org

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that the Law Council of Australia 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.

As the peak representative body for the legal profession in Australia, we will undertake to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following ways:

- provide leadership on adherence to the ten principles of the UN Global Compact;
- develop legal sector specific reference materials on corporate sustainability issues;
- organise events through the Law Council's constituent bodies on the UN Global Compact and topics relevant to business and human rights;
- work with the UN Global Compact, the legal profession and civil society organisations to make the business case for corporate citizenship issues to the Australian Government, including the development of a National Action Plan on business and human rights;
- encourage the Law Council's constituent bodies and law firms to become signatories to the UN Global Compact; and
- support the activities of the UN Global Compact Network Australia.

We recognise that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organisation'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

Yours sincerely,



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