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

## **UN Global Compact Commitment Letter**

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that the German Institute of Food Technologies (DIL e.V.) 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.

We also pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following ways: (i) conducting applied research and development and thought leadership to advance best practices in the field of food science and technology, (ii) Promoting the UN Global Compact Ten Principles and educating a variety of audiences about sustainability, (iii) supporting UN Global Compact business participants in implementing and reporting on their sustainability efforts, and (iv) implementing the UN Global Compact's Ten Principles through our own strategy and operations.

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.

Sincenely yours

Dr. Volker Heinz, Director and CEO,

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