



The Small Island States Foundation

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

Dear Sir:

Having received the call for action in respect of the Global Compact, and its relevance to the mandate of the Foundation, we are pleased to confirm that **The Small Island States Foundation Inc.** supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. Accordingly, we hereby express our intent to support the Global Compact advancing these principles, and undertake to 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 as follows:
Through the various affiliated companies and events (Exiles, Islands of the World Fashion Showcase, the National Challenge, *inter alia*) of the Foundation

- 1 Design and publicize policies in respect of human rights, child labor, gender equality, sustainable development and the environment as they are impacted by the fashion industries in respective developing island nations.
- 2 Initiate fora and engage in public discourse such as through the National Challenge and other media to advance the awareness and acceptance of the principles embedded in the Global Compact.

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.

Yours sincerely,
Small Island States Foundation Inc.

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Chairman

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