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H.E. António Guterres  
Secretary-General  
United Nations  
New York, NY 10017  
USA

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that **Youth Business International** 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 way(s):

YBI leverages global knowledge and local expertise to design and deliver programmes, trainings, and solutions that support young entrepreneurs to the highest standard. Working closely with the private sector, YBI develops initiatives that remove barriers for underrepresented groups and help aspiring entrepreneurs strengthen business skills, drive innovation, nurture talent, and access finance and markets. Through our global network of members and independent research, we generate insights on key themes such as Decent Work, Social and Green Entrepreneurship, and Soft Skills. We invest in and co-create new training, products, and services, sharing evidence of 'what works' to strengthen youth entrepreneurship ecosystems. YBI also advocates for youth entrepreneurship globally through policy initiatives and publications, contributing to responsible business practices and sustainable economic growth. Most recent annual report:  
<https://youthbusiness.org/blog/resource/impact-report-2024/>

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,

**Anita Tiessen,**  
**Chief Executive Officer at Youth Business International**