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Dear Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that the University of Leeds 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.

We also pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following ways:

- Conduct applied research and thought leadership to advance best practices.
- Promote the UN Global Compact Ten Principles and educate a variety of audiences about sustainability.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes the University’s actions 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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