H.E. António Guterres Secretary-General United Nations  
New York,  
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Dear Mr. Secretary General

I am pleased to confirm that Norwegian Green Building Council (non-business organization) 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 way(s):

- We are part of the World Green Building Council Global network and we will contribute to solve the Sustainable Development Goals for the Property/Real Estate and Construction Sector in Norway, as well as globally. We also contribute in global projects such as Advancing Net Zero to impact how we can reach the Paris Agreement. Our sector stands for 39% of all green gas emissions globally. We help our 280 members to cut their emissions, certify buildings, create good neighbourhoods and build better places for people in a sustainable and ethical way. We will engage with Global Compact Local Networks and will support UN Global Compact business participants as they implement and support their sustainability efforts. We will also engage with other stakeholders both science organisations and governmental stakeholders.

- The WorldGBC global network across 70 countries is committed to taking steps to deepen our impact across broader sustainability challenges in the building and construction sector, in support and association with the 17 Global Goals. Three strategic Impact Areas for the WorldGBC global network have been assessed through analytical mapping of the 169 targets and indicators of the Global Goals, and the highest degree of potential direct impact in achieving the targets through the work of our global network. Eleven of the Global Goals were considered directly relevant areas of sustainability for the green building movement, which we encompass under our Impact Areas of Climate Action, Health and Wellbeing and Resources andCircularity.
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

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