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To our stakeholders:

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the UN Global Compact is the annual preparation and posting of a Communication on Progress (COP) that comprises of a Secretary General statement of continued support for the UN Global Compact, a description of practical actions with regard to the principles of the UN Global Compact, and a measurement of outcomes or expected outcomes. We are late in creating, sharing and posting our COP report due to April 1, 2021. COVID-19 forced us to adapt our full work programme of the 12 last months, to reorganise our business model and to support our team in moving online which has delayed us. We have also undertaken an organisation-wide strategic review, the outcomes of which will be important in shaping how we implement the principles of the UN Global Compact going forward.

We hereby ask for an extension period of 90 days in order to be able to post a COP that describes our think tank's efforts and progress to implement the principles of the UN Global Compact. Our new COP report will be posted on the UN Global Compact website by 30 June 2021 at the latest.

Sincerely yours,



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