

H.E. António Guterres
Secretary-General
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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that Spherical supports the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. With this communication, we express our intent to implement those principles. We are committed to making the UN Global Compact and its principles part of the strategy, culture and day-to-day operations of our company, and to engaging in collaborative projects which advance the broader development goals of the United Nations, particularly the Sustainable Development Goals. Spherical will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

The main purpose of our company is to bring IT and data management solutions in the area of sustainability to a new level. Spherical aspires to provide currently unavailable levels of transparency, comparability and standardization of environmental and other Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related data that will enable decision-makers to elaborate and compare available options, contribute comprehensive and meaningful data to scientific research efforts, improve comparability of data from different sources and lay out the way to future-proof reporting standards.

Climate change and greenhouse gas (GHG) data are our particular areas of expertise and, while we are currently concentrating on this area, we are not stopping at GHG data management. Spherical's team comes from IT, management, business informatics and software design backgrounds and has extensive exposure to and experience working on IT solutions related to a growing portfolio of SDGs. We have already contributed to goals 3



(Good Health and Well-Being), 4 (Quality Education) and 13 (Climate Action). We aspire to eventually provide solutions for all 17.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the UN Global Compact is the annual submission of a Communication on Progress (COP) that describes our company's efforts to implement the Ten Principles. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within one year of joining the UN

Global Compact, and annually thereafter according to the UN Global Compact COP policy.

This includes:

- A statement signed by the chief executive expressing continued support for the UN Global Compact and renewing our ongoing commitment to the initiative and its principles. This is separate from our initial letter of commitment to join the UN Global Compact.
- A description of practical actions (i.e., disclosure of any relevant policies, procedures, activities) that the company has taken (or plans to undertake) to implement the UN Global Compact principles in each of the four issue areas (human rights, labour, environment, anti-corruption).
- A measurement of outcomes (i.e., the degree to which targets/performance indicators were met, or other qualitative or quantitative measurements of results).

Sincerely yours,

Mikhail Vartanyan
Managing Director