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At this historic meeting of the largest (1000) high level multi-stakeholder gathering ever convened to address Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) principles, we are expected to declare our commitment to the noble common human goals of building sustainable markets, combating corruption, safe guarding human rights, and protecting environment- in a true spirit of partnership among business, civil society, labor, governments, the United Nations and all other stakeholders.

Business can constitute an enormous force for goodness in society. Through its commitments to corporate citizenship and to the principles of the UNGC, the global business community can continue to create and deliver value to society and, at the same time, continue to better position their operations and in the communities in which they do business.

Global Compact Members can lead by example; advocate the 10 principles of the UNGC in the areas of human rights, labor conditions, environment and anti-corruption.

Governments can put in place the necessary conditions for the development of responsible corporate citizenship through the creation of an enabling environment as a promoter, convener, mediator and partner for CSR initiatives.

The Declaration in your hands was studied and approved by the UNGC board. Its adoption by you will send a strong signal to the global community.

It must be seen as an evolving document which can be developed through an inclusive and transparent process by all participants in this summit and UNGC members.

Your support will exemplify your own commitment to corporate social responsibility, will advance its principles and goals, will provide a concrete principle-based approach to CSR, will contribute to a more inclusive and sustainable economy, and will demonstrate your championship for the fundamental goals the United Nations.

Thank you,