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## **CALL-TO-ACTION FROM BUSINESS TO GOVERNMENT ON THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION**

On the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), we, the undersigned businesses, present this appeal to governments, to intensify governance and anti-corruption efforts with the aim of promoting a new social contract based on the principles of integrity, transparency and accountability, in alignment with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16 of Agenda 2030.

By signing the Call-to-Action, we respectfully call on Governments to:

1. Effectively implement the tenets of the UN Convention against Corruption to level the playing field, taking into account the diversity of contexts and the challenges faced by the business community worldwide. On that basis, strengthen policies, legal frameworks and mechanisms to incentivize business integrity in companies along the supply chain and to tackle impunity by detecting and sanctioning wrongdoing.
2. In Government decision-making processes, especially for investments and public procurement, increase the use of corporate sustainability criteria in order to advance SDG focused business. In public-private interactions, strive for greater transparency, including in the management of conflicts of interest and through the prevention of undue influence.
3. Foster a Collective Action approach to strengthen governance and anti-corruption by means of public-private partnerships, dialogue and the engagement of all relevant actors to generate inclusive and innovative solutions for the broader benefit of people and the planet.
4. Leverage information and communication technology (ICT) along with artificial intelligence to manage corruption risks and make evidence-based decisions while strengthening oversight and transparency. To boost accountability, encourage the use of ICT to monitor, evaluate and report governance and anti-corruption efforts undertaken by the public and private sectors.
5. Promote the principles of ethical leadership in education by instilling skills that nurture the minds of future business leaders, ensuring their commitment to standards of fairness and integrity in the workplace of tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,