Ensure consistency with universally accepted labour standards, including those relating to exploitation of child labour

Application

The signatories of this document are committed to implementation with their individual firms through the development of operational codes and practices that are consistent with the vision, beliefs, values and principles contained herein.

Example 2: UN Global Compact

Human Rights

The Secretary-General [of the UN] asks world business to:

Principle 1: support and respect the protection of international human rights within their sphere of influence; and

Principle 2: makes sure their own corporations are not complicit in human rights abuses.

Labour Standards

The Secretary-General asks world business to uphold:

Principle 3: freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;

Principle 4: the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;

Principle 5: the effective abolition of child labour; and

Principle 6: the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

Environment

The Secretary-General asks world business to:

Principle 7: support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges; Principle 8: undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility;

Principle 9: encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.