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Mr. Georg Kell
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Dear Mr. Kell,

Thank you for your letter of 19 June. I view as unfortunate that you would wish there not be any mention of the UN Global Compact in the upcoming ISO 26000 Standard. With the extensive consultations that have occurred to date, I understand that the current draft (CD2) is at least consistent with the ten universal principles of the UNGC. In addition, we have appreciated the UNGC Office's important involvement in the Working Group, as well as in the Chairs' Advisory Group, and you have indeed been able to contribute and indicate your perspectives on the evolution of this ISO Standard.

Thus I ask that the ISO Working Group Leaders take note of your view and that they continue to seek your full and formal backing, within the remit of achieving consensus on the Standard. I would also appreciate an opportunity, at a mutually convenient time, to discuss your concerns with yourself and relevant staff.

Please let me know when would be a good date to have a call.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Steele', written over a horizontal line.

Rob Steele

cc. Messrs. Jorge Cajazeira and Staffan Soderberg, Co-conveners ISO/TMB/WG SR
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