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## PPC Group: Founding member of the international "Coalition for Sustainable Procurement" of the U.N. Global Compact

- *An international initiative that elevates procurement as a central lever for advancing sustainable business and driving business value and competitiveness.*
- *Aiming to establish a common framework of corporate responsibility for suppliers and value-chain contributors*
- *Strengthening transparency and sustainability across the value chain*

PPC Group participates as a founding member in the "Coalition for Sustainable Procurement" of the U.N. Global Compact, with the aim of elevating procurement as a central lever for advancing sustainable business and driving business value and competitiveness. The initiative launched in New York, marking an international collaboration among major companies, institutions and states to promote sustainable, transparent and responsible supply chains. PPC Group's participation confirms its steady commitment to shaping unified, internationally recognized sustainability standards in corporate procurement.

The United Nations Global Compact is the world's largest corporate responsibility initiative, bringing together more than 20,000 companies and organizations from 160 countries. Based on its ten principles concerning human rights, labor, the environment and anti-corruption, it promotes a common international culture of responsible business conduct and transparency.

Within this framework, the new "Coalition for Sustainable Procurement" was created to support companies of all sizes in the transition towards more sustainable, resilient and responsible supply chains. The initiative seeks to align businesses with European and international standards, such as the European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS), develop common ESG risk-assessment tools, and shape a uniform framework of best practices, knowledge and skills.

During the presentation of the international initiative, the need for alignment between large and small enterprises around common standards and processes was underlined, with the aim of strengthening sustainability and transparency across the entire supply chain.

With the objective of establishing common principles for sustainable procurement, PPC Group strengthens cooperation with all stakeholders, supporting dialogue, knowledge exchange and the development of skills related to sustainable procurement operations.

Through the "Coalition for Sustainable Procurement," PPC Group contributes to the integration of the U.N. Global Compact Principles across the full spectrum of its

transactions, promotes transparent and responsible engagement with the supplier ecosystem, aligns with modern international and European sustainability standards, and develops practices that enhance the overall resilience of the value chain.

Chief Procurement Officer of PPC Group, Ms Zorzetta Christodouloupoulou, stated: *"PPC Group's participation in the Coalition for Sustainable Procurement establishes a common reference point for transparent and responsible practices across our entire supplier network. It is an important opportunity to harmonize processes and specifications with international standards, strengthening cooperation and consistency at every stage of the value chain."*

From his side, PPC's Chief Sustainability Officer, Mr Achilleas Ioakimides, during his participation in the high-level Forum that marked the launch of the Coalition in New York, noted: *"This initiative creates a common reference framework for the sustainable operation of procurement and strengthens the ability for cooperation and alignment with international standards. For PPC Group, participation in the Coalition is an important step towards the systematic integration of sustainability principles across the entire procurement ecosystem."*

PPC Group's participation in this new international initiative constitutes another step within its strategy to integrate sustainable development principles across all operations and partnerships. The Group systematically invests in actions that promote responsible corporate conduct, transparency and the creation of shared value (CSV) for the Society, the Economy and the Environment.

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