This statement outlines TTEC Holdings Inc., with offices at 9197 South Peoria Street, Englewood, Colorado 80112, and any of its subsidiaries or affiliates, including but not limited to TTEC (UK) Solutions Limited and TTEC Consulting (UK) Limited (jointly referred to as TTEC), commitment to preventing modern slavery and human trafficking in our business and supply chains.

TTEC strongly objects to and has zero tolerance for any business practices that support, encourage, or permit slavery and human trafficking in any form. To combat these risks, and to fulfill our responsibility under the relevant legislation, including but not limited to UK Modern Slavery Act 2015, we will produce a slavery and human trafficking statement at the end of each financial year setting out the steps we have taken to ensure that slavery and human trafficking are not involved in how we do business or interact with others.

About TTEC

TTEC is a leading global customer experience technology and services company focused on the design, implementation, and delivery of transformative customer experience for many of the world’s most iconic and disruptive brands. We deliver outcome-based customer engagement solutions through TTEC Digital, our omnichannel consultancy that designs and builds human centric, tech-enabled, insight-driven customer experience solutions for clients, and TTEC Engage, our delivery center of excellence, that operates customer acquisition, care, fraud prevention and detection, and content moderation services.

What do we do to prevent slavery and human trafficking?

We have been proactively taking steps in our company and across our supply chain to minimize and whenever possible to eliminate the risk of slavery or human trafficking in our business. TTEC’s Ethics Code (https://www.ttec.com/ethics-code) (the Code) sets the standard for How TTEC Does Business. The Code champions human rights and condemns any forced labor, child labor and human trafficking practices.

We employ rigorous hiring and sourcing procedures and have implemented robust employment policies and other controls to mitigate the risk of all forms of modern slavery and human trafficking in our own global business operations, including a Child Labor Remediation Policy in the Philippines where we have a significant local presence.

Furthermore, we are closely watching legislative developments in relation to prevention of modern slavery and human trafficking to make sure that our internal standards reflect the guidance included in those regulations and meet the highest international canons in that area.

Although our industry (technology enabled customer experience solutions), generally, is at a low risk of modern slavery, forced labour or human trafficking, we are mindful that the coronavirus (COVID-19) global pandemic has presented unprecedented challenges to businesses, governments and society. The most vulnerable face extreme hardship and are at greater risk of exposure to human rights breaches and modern slavery. Millions of workers in global supply chains have been left unemployed, unpaid and stranded; which increases the risk of exploitation. Hence at TTEC we understand that our standards and controls in this area must be higher than ever.
Our Supply Chain

Our supply chain supports our operational requirements. Our business is labor-intensive and therefore wages, employee benefits and employment taxes constitute a significant component of our operating expenses. In addition to capital expenditures for facility expansion, substantial investments in latest technology solutions, and upgrades and maintenance of our IT systems’ infrastructure, other major purchasing includes facilities operations, hardware, data management and warehousing, telephone and data services, software maintenance, consulting, travel, and merger and integration expenses.

We view the risk of human trafficking, slavery, or any type of forced or bonded labor to be low in our supply chain, nonetheless, TTEC is committed to working closely with our suppliers to ensure that slavery and human trafficking risks are identified and managed proactively. TTEC is managing and mitigating any such risks by way of appropriate vendor assessment and selection process aimed at achieving reasonable assurance that none of TTEC’s suppliers or vendors, nor their sub-contractors are involved in forced labor or human trafficking practices.

We believe that the business practices of our suppliers reflect on us and our reputation, and we seek to work with those who share our values. We expect our suppliers to comply with laws that apply to their businesses, and to have processes to ensure such compliance. In selecting our suppliers, we undertake due diligence to make sure that they are financially sound and embrace transparent procurement processes, sustainability, fair trade and labor and employment best practices. We require all suppliers to adhere to the principles outlined in the Code and to reconfirm their commitment upon any renewal of their engagements with TTEC. We reserve the right to terminate our relationship with a supplier if issues of noncompliance with our policies are discovered and/or noncompliance is not addressed in a timely manner.

Whistleblower Policy

We take all forms of non-compliance with the Code extremely seriously. We provide a helpline available in all countries (http://www.ttecwehearyou.com) for the anonymous reporting of any violations. This helpline is available to employees, suppliers, and the public at large. Those who report are protected against retaliation. TTEC encourages all our associates, clients and other business partners to report any concerns related to the direct activities as well as the supply chains of the organisation.

Training

At TTEC we believe that training is a fundamental way of raising awareness and ensuring that people understand the importance of a particular issue. The Code training is a condition of employment at TTEC required as part of onboarding with the company and annually or biannually thereafter, depending on the role. An essential piece of the Code is a mandate to engage in fair employment practices and report any known or suspected violations.

Initiatives

To ensure an increased level of understanding of the risks of slavery and human trafficking, and to mitigate these risks in our business and our supply chain, we will be implementing the following additional measures:
• We will continue to deliver specific training on modern slavery and human trafficking to employees in the procurement, human capital and operations departments and expanding such training throughout the organization in 2022, and 2023. Our ultimate goal is for all levels management within TTEC to understand and be responsible for ensuring that those who report to them understand and comply with our policy of zero-tolerance approach to slavery and human trafficking. The responsibility shall extend to ensuring that steps are taken to report and investigate any slavery and human trafficking issues which are identified.

• TTEC also intends to raise awareness of modern slavery issues in regular staff communications, explaining the basic principles of applicable legislations and informing how employees can identify and prevent slavery and human trafficking by flagging potential slavery or human trafficking issues to the relevant parties within the organization. We contemplate to introduce modern slavery and employment rights content and communications as part of support staff on-boarding.

• We plan on developing a detailed Global Anti-Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Policy, in addition to TTEC’s annual statement, that will establish a process to identify existing and prospective risks, determine the appropriate company response and measure the effectiveness of any actions taken.

• In addition to requirements for vendors and suppliers stemming from the Code, we intend to develop and adopt a Third-Party Code of Conduct to ensure that the highest ethical standards are reached at all times in all of our dealings with external suppliers and contractors.

• Our Philippines Child Labor Remediation Policy and its applicable controls that reflect the latest international standards shall be extended into a TTEC global policy framework.

• We will be introducing in our standard supplier contracts clauses with language expressly requiring compliance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and other applicable slavery and human trafficking legislation.

Signed by:

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