

# Shareholders Constituency Charter

The shareholders constituency was given the mandate by the FPH to prepare a joint *shareholders Charter for a Responsible, Plural and United World*, on the basis of respectively Actares and the FPH charters.

Five main themes of the *Charter for a Responsible, Plural and United World* were thus completed with shareholders preoccupations.

<p><b><i>To safeguard humanity's riches and the integrity of the planet at all levels, it is binding to conciliate unity and diversity</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Conscious that globalization of economics and growth of commercial exchanges are generating harsher and harsher pressures on the human person, the society and the environment;</li> <li>❑ Acknowledging the increase of poverty, disparities, exploitation, depletion of natural resources, destruction of natural environments, multiplication of armed conflicts and tensions between communities and nations;</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Recognizing another is the foundation of relationships and peace</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Convinced that shareholders should have a responsible attitude and be attentive to the outcomes of activities carried out by firms – whose assets they are partly holding – on the human person, the society and the environment;</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Accepting restraints for the preservation of common good is a prerequisite for exercising liberty</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Persuaded that firms should be prompted to conduct their business in "sustainability" at all social, ecological and economic levels and in full respect of human rights;</li> <li>❑ Certain that exercising such responsibilities is a global concern – many persons are shareholders, either directly or indirectly, as investors, subscribers of funds or affiliates of pension funds;</li> <li>❑ Sure that the exercise of responsible citizenship in this field of action will have a great impact on the firms as the concerns are openly and collectively expressed by a larger and larger number of shareholders</li> </ul>

<p><b><i>Material development is at the service of human development</i></b></p>	<p>The constituency of shareholders has taken the oath to contribute to the development of economics at the service of the human person, of all human beings and their environments, and more precisely to see to it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ that the activities of the firms are respectful of civil, political, economical, social and cultural rights and contribute to the promotion of “sustainable development”</li> <li>❑ that the partnerships of the firms should all be loyal, equitable (shareholders, other money lenders, employees, unions, suppliers, clients, competitors, public communities, or anyone or any group of persons concerned by the activities of the firms.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Change is not an aim as such but a mean at the service of human development and the safeguard of the planet</i></b></p>	<p>Change should not exclusively be serving to shareholders advantages. Extreme watchfulness of the latter is needful with regard to research and development activities of the enterprises. Principles of precaution should prevail.</p>