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GES is Europe’s leading provider of engagement services focusing on supporting asset owners and asset managers develop and implement integrated investment strategies with environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations. Our due diligence of companies’ non-financial business conduct aims at identifying financially material improvement objectives that can deliver increased shareholder value with the highest degree of stakeholder relevance and external credibility. We act as an owner advocate and add proven value to 1 trillion of investments worldwide by assessing and engaging with clients’ portfolio companies. GES is a privately held company founded in 1992 with over 60 employees globally. We have offices in Sweden, Denmark, Poland, Switzerland and the UK with engagement professionals based in Europe, North and South America.

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THIRTY-ONE INVESTORS RESPONDED

when we invited 280 asset owner signatories to the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) worldwide to participate in the survey.

31 of the responding investors make a reference to children’s rights in their responsible investment policies, while 27 have human rights considerations included.

29 of the 31 investors who answered the questionnaire replied that children’s rights have a potentially material impact to their investments.

10 of the respondents reported they have or are developing a procedure for integrating children’s rights into their investment decision-making process.

PER CENT OF RESPONDENTS WHO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES TO HAVE DIRECT RELEVANCE FOR INVESTORS

- **Children’s Rights and Business Principles**: 77%
- **The ILO Conventions**: 93%
- **UN Global Compact Principle No 5**: 93%
- **The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child**: 63%
- **UNCRC General Comment No 16**: 33%

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