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H.E. Ban Ki-moon Secretary-General United Nations New York, NY 10017 USA

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Grace letter – adjustment request of COP

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

BKS Bank AG has been member of UN Global Compact since December 2011. Therefore we have to make our first COP one year later – at the 13 th of December 2012.

On one side in Austria many legal regulations and provisions exist for incorporated companies and banks. So the "Stock Exchange Law" provides the duty for a bank like us to submit it's annual report <u>4 months after having finished the financial year</u>. And this means for every year the month April.

On other side BKS Bank gets it's necessary facts and figures for the previous financial year - about them we have to make our annual report and also the COP - earliest at the end of March of the following year. So it would be necessary for us to publish our COP every year latest in April of the following year.

Therefore we officially ask you for an adjustment for the communication on Progress of BKS Bank AG, to submit the COP latest in April of the year following the reporting year.

Thank you so much for your accommodation!

Sincerely yours,

BKS Bank AG

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