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His Excellency Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, NY 10017
USA

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

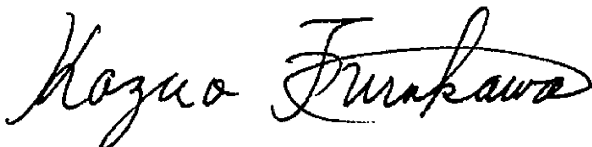
I am writing to express Hitachi, Ltd.'s strong desire to become an active participant of the Global Compact initiative led by the UN.

Hitachi is a global electronics company offering a wide range of products and services in market sectors including information systems, electronic devices, power and industrial systems, consumer electronics, materials, logistics and financial services, whose credo is to contribute to society through the development of superior, original technology and products. Our corporate vision is to contribute Hitachi innovations to solving fundamental global issues, and as a corporate citizen serving various stakeholders in the international community, and having aspirations to contribute to the better lives of people and our environment, we fully embrace the set of core values as expressed in the ten principles of the Global Compact in respect to human rights, labour rights, the protection of the environment, and anti-corruption. We hereby endorse, and commit ourselves to support and advance, those principles within our sphere of influence.

2010 will mark Hitachi's centennial. We remind ourselves of the very spirit and basic principles upon which our company is founded, and continue our everlasting efforts to help the global society prosper in the next 100 years on a sustainable basis through our technology. We are committed to making the Global Compact and its principles an integral part of the strategy and day-to-day operations of our company and will make a clear statement to that effect to our employees, partners, clients, governments, and to the public.

Please find attached some general corporate information as well as the contact for interacting with the office of the Global Compact. We will put our responsible person in touch with your office in due course so we can officially start the advancement of the initiative.

Sincerely yours,



Kazuo Furukawa
President and Chief Executive Officer
Hitachi, Ltd.