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

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that Talawakelle Tea Estates PLC supports the ten principles of the Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

With this communication, we express our intent to advance those principles within our sphere of influence. We are committed to making the Global Compact and its principles part of the strategy, culture and day-to-day operations of our company and to engaging in collaborative projects, which advance the broader development goals of the United Nations, particularly the Sustainable Development Goals. Talawakelle Tea Estates PLC will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the annual submission of a Communication on Progress (COP) that describes our company's efforts to implement the ten principles. We support public accountability and transparency and therefore commit to report on progress within one year of joining the Global Compact and annually thereafter according to the Global Compact COP policy. This includes:

- A statement signed by the chief executive expressing continued support for the Global Compact and renewing our ongoing commitment to the initiative and its principles. This is separate from our initial letter of commitment to join the Global Compact.
- A description of practical actions (i.e., disclosure of any relevant policies, procedures, activities) that the company has taken (or plans to undertake) to implement the Global Compact principles in each of the four issue areas (human rights, labour, environment, anti-corruption).
- A measurement of outcomes (i.e., the degree of which targets/performance indicators were met, or other qualitative or quantitative measurements of results).

We have already developed relevant strategies and implemented necessary initiatives to comply with the requirements of the UN Global Compact 10 principles, details of which we have reported in our company's annual Report for 2015/16, a copy of which is attached.

Sincerely yours,
TALAWAKELLE TEA ESTATES PLC

Dilantha S. Seneviratne
DIRECTOR/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER