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To our stakeholders:

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the annual submission of a Communication on Progress (COP) that comprises of a statement of continued support for the Global Compact, a description of practical actions that our company has taken since our last COP, and a measurement of outcomes or expected outcomes.

We are late in creating, sharing and posting our COP report due to that, required by Chinese government, China Unicom is now undergoing a merger process with China Netcom, a fixed-line communications service operator. We need to wait until the commercial transactions of assets are completed, the organizational structure and business range of the new company are redefined, and the responsibilities of the unit to handle COP issues are clarified that we can create, share and post our COP report.

We hereby ask for an extension period in order to be able to submit a COP that describes our company's efforts and progress to implement the ten principles of the Global Compact. Our new COP report will be posted on the Global Compact website by March 31st, 2009 at the latest.

Sincerely yours,

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