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To our stakeholders:

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the UN Global Compact is the annual preparation and posting of a Communication on Progress (COP) that comprises of a statement of continued support for the UN Global Compact, a description of practical actions with regard to the principles of the UN Global Compact, and a measurement of outcomes or expected outcomes.

As we indicated in our entry letter to the UN Secretary General in December 2009, our intention is to integrate our COP with our annual report and online CR reporting on AstraZeneca.com. We believe both the way we report our COP and what we do to live up to our UNGC commitments need to be fully aligned with and an integral part of the way we operate and report as a business, to achieve sustainable impact.

Our first COP is due January 8, 2011, whilst our annual report and our online CR reporting are published early March annually.

We hereby ask for an extension period for posting our first COP on the UNGC website – it will be posted no later than March 18, 2011, and annually thereafter.

Sincerely yours,



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