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Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
United National Headquarters
405 East 42nd Street
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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

APICS The Association for Operations Management, the worldwide leader in operations and supply chain management education, certification, and membership, would like to offer its support of the ten principles of the Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, 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 engage in collaborative projects which advance the broader development goals of the United Nations, particularly the Millennium Development Goals.

APICS The Association for Operations Management 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.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to working with you on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl Klaesius".

Karl Klaesius, CPIM, C.P.M.
Chair of the Board

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Abe Eshkenazi".

Abe Eshkenazi, CSCP, CPA, CAE
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