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H.E. Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General  
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New York, NY 10017  
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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors I am pleased to confirm that Ahold supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact regarding human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

Writing you this letter, we communicate our intent to advance these principles as far as is possible within the scope of our business. Hereto we are committed to integrate the Global Compact and its ten principles into the core of the strategy, operations and day-to-day business of our company. Furthermore, we would like to express our dedication to engaging in collaborative projects to the advancement of the broader development goals of the United Nations, particularly the Millennium Development Goals. Ahold will openly communicate this commitment to our stakeholders and to the general public. We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the annual submission of the Communication on Progress (COP), describing our company's efforts to implement the ten principles.

In the light of our support of public accountability and transparency, we commit to reporting on progress within one year of joining the Global Compact, and annually thereafter in accordance with the Global Compact COP policy.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Rishton'.

John Rishton  
CEO Ahold