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

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Dear Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that the Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials (RSB) supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to support the Global Compact in advancing these principles and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our members and the general public.

RSB is aiming for sustainability in biomaterials from agriculture globally. The standards we advocate are commensurate with the framework of the UN Global Compact's Food and Agriculture Business Principles (FABs) to advance sustainability globally in this sector. We are committed to working with the UN Global Compact to promote the FABs in conjunction with our own standards to drive greater uptake of sustainability standards and certification by businesses in the agriculture sector.

We understand that participation in the Global Compact requires us to submit a Communication on Engagement (COE) within two years and thereafter biennially. Our COE will describe RSB's collaboration with the Global Compact and how we support its ten principles through the FABs.

Sincerely yours,

Rolf Hogan