

Gold Mercury International is an independent global think tank and strategy consultancy founded in 1961. We specialise in International Affairs, Global Governance and Ethical Leadership and are committed to promoting peace, understanding and cooperation throughout the world.

Gold Mercury grants the prestigious Gold Mercury Awards for outstanding achievements in different Global Governance challenge areas. Gold Mercury also unites together world leaders in business, politics, academia and civil society through our Global Governance Forums.

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FAO, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations,

Emilio Botin, President of Banco Santander Central Hispano,

Soichiro Honda, Founder of Honda Motor Co.,

The Times, London

H.E. Ban Ki-moon Secretary-General United Nations New York, NY 10017 USA London, 2nd July 2008

Dear Mr Secretary-General,

I am please to confirm that Gold Mercury International supports the ten principles of the Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. With this communication we express our intent to advance those principles within our sphere of influence and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders through a communiqué to our Executive Board and our International Advisory Board.

Gold Mercury International is an international NGO based in London. Since its inception in 1961 it has been progressing principals of Global Governance and awarding Ethical Leadership in eight key global governance challenge areas. In the past we have bestowed the Gold Mercury Award to UNICEF and FAO for their contribution to humanitarian action.

In tandem with the aim of the United Nations, the aim of our work as an NGO already reflects the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) and we feel that our full endorsement of the Global Compact will reflect our core vision to improve global sustainability through visionary leadership. More specifically we will do this by:

 Awarding Visionary Leadership through our Gold Mercury Awards with an eye to accepting nominations (individuals and

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organisations) that fulfil the list of principles set out in the Global Compact

- Acknowledging our commitment to the Global Compact in all subsequent releases and materials generated for our organisation
- Continuing to discuss and raise awareness in our Global Governance Forums of pressing international issues as outlined in the Millennium Development Goals
- Communicating to the Executive Board and our International Advisory Board the importance of the MDGs and encouraging their, and their affiliate organisations', participation in the Global Compact

Please find attached the one page form 'organization information' which includes point of contact information for the development of the Global Compact at Gold Mercury International.

Sincerely Yours,

Nicolas De Santis Secretary General