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To the
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS
H. E. Mr Ban Ki-moon
UN Headquarters
First Avenue at 46th Street
New York, NY 10017

Ref.: Application for Membership in UN Global Compact

Yours Excellency!

Dear Mr General Secretary Ban Ki-moon!

By this HUMANA People to People – Associations for Development Cooperation /further: HUMANA Austria/, seated in A-1230 Vienna, Perfektastrasse 83, applies for membership in UN Global Compact. HUMANA Austria is member of the "The Federation of Projects connected to the International HUMANA People to People Movement" with its seat in Genève and the Headquarters in Shamva next to Harare.

The Federation unifies 28 national associations running about 300 development projects on four continents in the fields of community development (child- and family-aid), education (schools for children, teacher training for rural areas, vocational schools, orphan care ... ), Farmers' Clubs, small scale production, reforestation and environment protection, combating HIV / AIDS ... These are big, sustainable projects mainly in the South of Africa, but nowadays also in India, China and Latin America, implemented in local ownership by the national member of the federation, in which about 20 million people are involved.

To achieve the purpose of the association – support of the most needy people in the South – HUMANA Austria runs two companies for clothes collection and second-hand retail trade (shops). Our companies can be classified as "social enterprises" as defined by Nobel laureat Mohammad Yunus. The business activities are based on trade licences. We are member of the Vienna Chamber of Commerce. The surplus goes for the implementation of above mentioned projects within the Federation. So we are not only NGO, but also part of the Austrian business life.

Our commitment to Solidary Humanism and the way we create development consorts perfectly with the UN Millennium Goals, the Paris Declaration, the Austrian Development Cooperation and the Goals of UN Global Compact.

We want to join Global Compact, because we are convinced, that unifying the forces to promote development, networking on many levels of daily life, serving global education and intercultural learning is a must of our days.

## **HUMANA – Partnership in Development Office Vienna**

We kindly ask Yours Excellency to accept our application for membership in UN Global Compact. We will prove to be worthy member of the global handshake - Global Compact.

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Yours/sincerely -

/Helle Christensen.

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