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The Honorable Kofi Annan  
Secretary-General  
United Nations  
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

Starbucks Coffee Company would like to join in the work of the UN Global Compact. I am pleased to confirm that Starbucks Coffee Company supports the nine principles of the Global Compact in respect to human rights, labor rights and the protection of the environment. With this communication, we express our intent to support and advance those principles within our sphere of influence. We will also support these principles publicly through various activities.

We further commit to providing an annual submission to the UN Global Compact, and we recognize this is a requirement for participation in the Global Compact. Accordingly, once a year we will share with the United Nations an example of an action taken, or lessons learned, in implementing one or more of the Global Compact's nine principles.

Please find attached some general information regarding our company. The executive who will be our liaison with the office of the UN Global Compact is Sandra Taylor, senior vice president, Corporate Social Responsibility. Her contact information is also enclosed.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Orin Smith", written in a cursive style.

Orin C. Smith  
president and chief executive officer