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Dear UN Global Compact Participant,

Climate Change has emerged as one of the most pressing challenges of our times. It increasingly affects the poor and vulnerable – threatening all aspects of development. As a key stakeholder in this global crisis, the business community is mobilizing, understanding that any meaningful progress must involve the private sector – acting individually and collectively in partnership with governments, civil society, and other key interests.

The *Caring for Climate* initiative is designed to provide a strategic platform for companies to address climate change. Endorsed by more than 370 companies from 65 countries, this leadership platform assists companies in the development of effective climate change policies while also providing a channel for the business community to contribute inputs and perspectives to key governmental deliberations.

In its next phase of development, Caring for Climate seeks to build on the momentum generated in the past years to (i) advance mitigation efforts and promote the diffusion of innovative low-carbon technologies in particular in developing markets and as well (ii) enhance the understanding of the role of business in adapting to the impacts of climate change.

All Global Compact companies are encouraged to join the Caring for Climate initiative. A company's decision to endorse the Statement follows the Global Compact's established leadership model and requires CEO-level support. To indicate your support for the Statement, please send an email to climatechange@unglobalcompact.org indicating your endorsement. Please note that there is no membership fee, and that no prior level of performance is required. Endorsing companies commit to undertake serious efforts to address climate change, and to report progress in the spirit of continuous improvement.

For more information, including the list of current signatories, please see our website at: www.unglobalcompact.org/Issues/Environment/Climate_Change.

I hope you will consider joining Caring for Climate.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Georg Kell'.

Georg Kell
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