



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

30 January 2006

Dear Mr. Elverding,

I would like to thank you and Mr. Perroy for your letter of 17 January 2006 sharing with me information about the progress of two new initiatives of the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA).

I am pleased that you have aligned the Responsible Care Global Charter and the Global Product Strategy with the environmental principles of the United Nations Global Compact. Linking these undertakings to the Global Compact places them in the context of broader issues of business in society and helps to embed universal principles in global markets.

I congratulate you on the launch of these initiatives during the United Nations International Conference on Chemicals Management. I hope that you will be successful in attracting great interest in both projects, which are inspiring models of voluntary self-regulation for other industries to consider following.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Annan'.

Kofi A. Annan

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