

Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, NY 10017

RE: UN Global Compact Signature

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The Association of Corporate Travel Executives (ACTE) is pleased to offer support for the United Nations Global Compact. ACTE is dedicated to the ongoing implementation of the Global Compact (GC) ten principles.

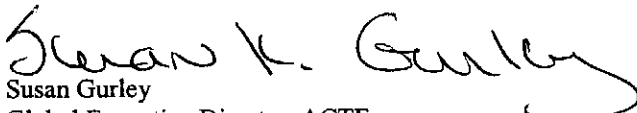
As a not-for-profit education association for the corporate travel industry, ACTE understands and pledges a proactive stance on critical issues impacting the industry to better serve and support our member's corporate and social responsibilities. ACTE firmly believes in the top-down approach to leadership whereby members learn through our actions and seek to embrace, support and enact, within their individuals spheres of influence, the principles representing universal values in areas of human rights, labor standards, environment, and anti-corruption. ACTE has members in 50 countries and provides education to the industry on a myriad of industry issues, including corporate social responsibility. Additional information on ACTE please visit www.ACTE.org.

According the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the transportation sector directly accounted for approximately 27 percent of total U.S. greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in 2003. These estimates however do not include additional "lifecycle" emissions related to transportation, which are also a significant source of domestic and international GHG emissions. Consequently, ACTE became the first major business travel trade association to develop an ongoing Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative and enter into strategic agreements with organizations which offer tools and programs to assist membership in developing a precautionary approach to environmental challenges. Through this initiative, ACTE has provided the first carbon-low business travel conference, developed a hotel sustainability checklist, and distributes global sustainable travel surveys and results. Additionally, ACTE provides education on these issues at all global and regional conferences (i.e.: two education session in Munich, October 2007) and events. For information on our CSR activities please go to www.acte.org/initiatives/CSR.php.

Through joint cooperation, intelligent partnership choices, education, and providing members with essential tools, ACTE is committed to promoting the economic prosperity of the business travel industry in conjunction with environmental protection. Many ACTE activities already encompass the ten GC principles. However, ACTE looks forward to sharing these principles by becoming an example for the industry. Additionally, ACTE would continue to develop educational sessions and case studies to promote greater environmental responsibility among the 50 international active local networks in each of our six regional offices - Asia-Pacific, Canada, Europe, Latin America, Middle East & Africa, and the United States.

ACTE recognizes that implementation of the ten principles is a continuing process of performance improvement. As such, we look forward to developing GC tailored strategies, programs and policies that suit issues and challenges faced by the corporate travel industry. Please feel free to contact me (sgurley@acte.org) as needed in this effort.

Sincerely,


Susan Gurley
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