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**Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Sweden**

Director-General for Trade

Formation of the Swedish Association for UN Business

Dear Sirs,

This is to inform you that a number of Swedish companies together with the Swedish Trade Council have formed the *Swedish Association for UN Business (SWEUNB)*.

SWEUNB aims to improve dialogue and cooperation with UN organisations. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs is actively supporting its work. The Association and participating companies offer quality products and services that match UN needs. Member companies wish to make further contributions in reaching the UN Millennium Development Goals and also, where relevant, to the organisation's reform work. SWEUNB also aims to increase awareness in the private sector of the UN Global Compact principles and to establish partnerships with UN institutions in areas of mutual interest.

This government supported non-profit association plans to arrange, together with the Swedish Trade Council and the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, several activities with the purpose of broadening the UN base of Swedish suppliers.

It is our hope that the formation of the *Swedish Association for UN Business* will make it possible to further develop traditional Swedish support for the UN system, thereby enabling the contribution made by the private sector in Sweden to the UN system to reach its full potential.

Yours sincerely,

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