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Dear Mrs. Julie Tanner:

On behalf of the Corporate Responsibility Department of NH Hoteles, we are pleased to confirm you that we are interested in signing your commitment to human rights at The World Cup. We certainly share the commitment to respect the defence of human rights, as a Responsible Company of reference in the Tourism Industry.

In 2009, NH Hoteles and **UNICEF** strengthen their alliance by signing the **ECPAT (International Network against the Sexual Exploitation of Children)** http://www.thecode.org/index.php?page=1_1 **Code of Conduct** to prevent and fight against the sexual exploitation of children in the tourist industry. This agreement aims to heighten customer, employee and supplier awareness of the need to protect children's rights. Attach I send you the March's Newsletter of The Code with information about our adhesion to the Code.

Participation in Forums and specialized sustainability organizations

- **The Global Compact**: The Global Compact has been the framework of reference for the development of the Corporate Responsibility strategy at NH Hoteles, and the commitment to 10 Principles represents its gradual incorporation into our operations and businesses. In 2009, we presented our third Progress Report which describes the relevant reference actions in the field of boosting Human Rights and the Environment in the Company.

- **World Travel & Tourism Council**: It is the forum for business leaders in the Travel & Tourism industry. With Chief Executives of some one hundred of the world's leading Travel & Tourism companies as its Members, WTTC has a unique mandate an overview on all matters related to Travel & Tourism. NH Hoteles became a member of these forum 3 years ago.

- **International Tourism Partnership (ITP)**: In 2009, NH Hoteles became a member of this worldwide platform which brings together the leading players of the tourism sector, as well as governments and institutions, to share and implement practices which guarantee sustainable conduct in tourism management, to which admittance is granted by the association's express invitation. NH Hoteles is the only Spanish hotel company to belong to this important international forum, backed by Prince Charles of England. The objective is to work with the member companies to promote eco-design, innovation and staff training in key areas for sustainable tourism.

- **Club de Excelencia en Sostenibilidad**: Spanish association which seeks to promote sustainable development through the Spanish business sector, sharing responsible practices in order to contribute towards company excellence and progress in society, with the aim of becoming the leading Business Forum in Sustainable Development. NH Hoteles actively takes part in the Environment working group and the Sustainability and Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Commission.

We will send the letter to the directors of our 2 hotels located in South Africa to inform all employees of this initiative and the protocol to avoid any possible violation of human rights. Moreover, we will be referenced to your website (Business & Human Rights Resource Centre) to find all the information.

Thank you very much.

Best Regards

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