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Dear Ms. Morgan,

Thank you for your email received by our office on 12 May 2008.

We share your concern about the situation in Darfur and other conflicts around the world, and welcome the efforts of civil society organizations to work with the private sector and other actors in identifying the challenges at hand and finding appropriate solutions.

Responsibility for peace and security lies with governments. But companies have an important role to play, as their operations can both worsen conflict and help to build peace. The Global Compact Office has a long record of advocacy and engagement around these issues. Over the years, we have created a substantive body of resources to support participating companies in mitigating negative impacts in conflict-prone countries and enhancing their capacity to make a meaningful contribution to sustainable peace. More information on our work in this area is available on the Global Compact website at: [http://www.unglobalcompact.org/Issues/conflict\\_prevention/index.html](http://www.unglobalcompact.org/Issues/conflict_prevention/index.html).

As you refer to the Global Compact integrity measures, please note that the Global Compact Office is not a mediation, dispute resolution or adjudicative body, nor is it an enforcement agency. Our role under the integrity measures is limited to encouraging dialogue between companies and those that make credible allegations of systematic or egregious abuse by companies of the Global Compact's overall aims and principles. However, your letter does not articulate specific concerns about PetroChina's own conduct. What you have provided instead is a list of matters you request the company to raise with the country's government. While such a request is beyond the scope of the integrity measures, we recognize that business advocacy can have significant impact. We have therefore forwarded a copy of your email to the company and will also post your letter and our reply on our website.

Regarding Sudan, we are currently supporting efforts on the ground to explore how companies can best collaborate with UN, government and NGO stakeholders to foster peace and development. Over the coming months, we aim to create a forum in Sudan for participants – domestic and international - of all sizes and sectors to discuss the key challenges and opportunities and to engage in a constructive dialogue with other stakeholders. We hope that the process will facilitate the collaboration and capacity-

building necessary to develop partnerships that are aligned with the priority needs of the country. We encourage all Global Compact participants in Sudan to make use of this forum and to engage actively.

Further, our Office has publicly stated that we would welcome a message from Global Compact participants and other business leaders urging the United Nations Security Council to swiftly implement Resolution 1769, which seeks to end the violence and suffering in Darfur. We will continue to make the case for doing so.

You mention the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). To mark this significant occasion, the Global Compact Office and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights launched a campaign last December to encourage Global Compact participants everywhere to scale up efforts to respect and support human rights within their own operations and to help raise awareness of the UDHR and its anniversary. Letters co-signed by the High Commissioner and myself were setting out concrete actions that businesses could take and including links to guidance materials to help with this task were sent to all Global Compact participants. The letters and their attachments are enclosed for your information. In addition, the Global Compact Office and its Human Rights Working Group, chaired by Mary Robinson, stand ready to help participants with their efforts to support and promote the human rights embodied in the UDHR. As you may know, a major business and human rights event will take place on 4-5 December in Paris. We hope that it will help give greater impetus to efforts to advance the business and human rights agenda all over the world. We encourage you to consider participating. As there is still a long way ahead of us, your continued engagement and vigilance is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Georg Kell', written in a cursive style.

Georg Kell  
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