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HRH The Prince of Wales
Clarence House
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Sir,

It is a great pleasure and honour to write to Your Royal Highness on the occasion of Your Royal Highness's 70th birthday.

I too am nearing this age and, from my earliest days as a child in Australia, I have felt that I have known Your Royal Highness and Your Royal Highness's family – if only from afar. It was therefore a great pleasure to actually meet Your Royal Highness in the context of the formation of the International Integrated Reporting Council.

I had followed the thought leadership and visionary outlook Your Royal Highness had contributed in the realms of architecture and conservation, but until then I was not aware of the work of the Accounting for Sustainability Trust.

At the end of 2010, as Chair of International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) I was invited to a meeting in London at HSBC and later to a function Your Royal Highness hosted at St James Palace. At that time, I was aware of sustainability reporting, but my personal focus was firmly fixed on traditional financial reporting and it was at these meetings that my life took a very different turn. I heard Your Royal Highness speak there and was introduced to Your Royal Highness at that function. I was also introduced to Your Royal Highness's glorious book *Harmony*. Reading it was an epiphany. The holistic approach to the entire planet outlined there convinced me that the narrow focus of traditional approaches in the global capital markets had to change.

I joined the Steering Committee for the Integrated Reporting Council and, with the help of many committed people and Your Royal Highness's foresight, the International Integrated Reporting Council was born.

I joined the International Integrated Reporting Council Board and I came to more fully understand how visionary Your Royal Highness had been about the risks and opportunities in capital markets and the advantages of thinking and reporting outside traditional reporting approaches.

Like many converts, I am now a zealous advocate of integrated thinking and reporting and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and I am very grateful to Your Royal Highness!

Later I was honoured to join Your Royal Highness for dinner at Clarence House when Your Royal Highness assembled a group of experts in global finance. I distinctly remember Your Royal Highness's remarks that evening and the way in which a number of my colleagues who were just starting this journey were so impressed not only by Your Royal Highness's mastery of the subject matter but by Your Royal Highness's thoughtful, forward looking address that set out Your Royal Highness's holistic vision for finance and the planet. Mark Carney was also at this dinner. Subsequently in his role as Chairman of the Financial Stability Board he commented on sustainability and financial stability noting that climate change is not only a moral issue, but also an economic one. I have no doubt he was inspired as I was by what he heard that evening.

May I congratulate Your Royal Highness on Your Royal Highness's seventieth birthday! I wish Your Royal Highness a very long, happy and fulfilled life and may Your Royal Highness's visionary leadership continue for a very long time. The planet needs Your Royal Highness!

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane Diplock'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J' and 'D'.

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