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To: HRH The Prince of Wales

Sir,

On behalf of the Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi, I wish to extend our heartfelt greetings on Your Royal Highness' 70th birthday.

It was not long ago that our team started collaboration efforts with A4S during the First Regional Finance Leaders Meeting organised by EAD's Abu Dhabi Sustainability Group in November 2015 in Abu Dhabi. At this event, Your Royal Highness' video message highlighted to us the key role that finance leaders play in the sustainability field.

It was our honour, to host Your Royal Highness in Abu Dhabi in November 2016, to launch the Gulf Region Finance Leaders Circle of Practice in partnership with Accounting for Sustainability. The meetings held brought together CFOs from large organisations across the Gulf Region to explore the integration of environmental and social issues into business processes and strategy.

Your presence was a wonderful demonstration of your very personal commitment to sustainability and an example to many of us here today who are endeavouring to lead the entities and people that we represent on a more sustainable path.

We look forward to continue to place the environment and society at the top of the local and global leadership agenda and support the finance teams to get more and more involved in the management, measurement and reporting of the organisation's sustainability activities.

As a passionate environmentalist and leader, I am heartened and grateful to see the depth of talent and leadership commitment by the CFO network. I look forward to collaborating with A4S on the progress and achievements made for Gulf Region Finance Leaders Circle of Practice.

Without exception, every entity in every nation today requires exemplary leadership to accelerate our path to a more sustainable future. We are after all, for want of a better expression, playing catch-up. The incremental pressures exerted on our fragile planet have resulted in an environmental deficit. The gap between our current state and One Planet Living continues to grow.

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To redress this balance we need to radically address the mindset of many leaders, consumers, and the drivers of our economy – the business community. We need to find quicker, better solutions to steer our economies onto a more sustainable path. This can only happen if we are able to foster innovative, transparent, collaborative business practices where all of society works towards a common goal whilst recognising nation's desire to progress and the business.

We wish Your Royal Highness continued success and good health and look forward to future collaboration.

Sincerely,



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