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Dear Mrs Ahmed,

I have been following your progress with the Fair Trade Movement of the United Arab Emirates and want to pledge my support. The strides you are taking to educate, activate, and empower locals in your region to become involved and active in the causes of fair trade and environmentalism are remarkable.

I especially commend your movement's efforts to partner with local schools and libraries to produce fair trade curriculum and educational opportunities for youth. Students are the leaders and business owners of tomorrow. Your expertise and involvement will help them develop ethical habits when making economic decisions informed with global thought, empathy, and consideration for the environment.

Please find copies of my latest books enclosed with this letter. My hope is that you can use these donations to inspire others and strengthen your movement in the United Arab Emirates. *One Plastic Bag* chronicles the story of Isatou Ceesay and the fair trade recycling women of the Gambia, West Africa. *Water is Water* is a poetic celebration of one of our world's most vital resources, shown through the lens of siblings who watch water move and change throughout four seasons. Lastly, *Whose Hands Are These*? is a rhymed guessing-game book about many kinds of community helpers.

Thank you for your contributions and for the important work you have been doing for years. Inshallah, we shall meet one day in the United Arab Emirates.

Regards,

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