National Coffee Association: U.S. Coffee Companies Act to Combat Child Labor in Coffee-Growing Countries

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NEW YORK -- Responding to allegations about coffee farms in Guatemala, William "Bill" Murray, President and CEO of the National Coffee Association, commented:

"NCA and our member companies agree that child labor has no place in the coffee supply chain. We applaud the immediate action taken by the companies involved to support further investigation of these allegations.

The U.S. coffee industry is a leader in developing and implementing industry standards that help coffee-growing communities thrive as safe homes for coffee farmers, their families, and most especially their children.

The largest coffee companies in America have robust commitments and compliance mechanisms to source coffee responsibly. They continue to seek improvements and effective implementation of the most responsible sourcing standards with their suppliers.

NCA also works with partners across the coffee supply chain to develop and promote practical tools to help companies of all sizes ensure their suppliers source coffee responsibly."