

STATEMENT OF CONTINUED SUPPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

**PERIOD COVERED BY OUR COMMUNICATION ON PROGRESS
FROM: FEBRUARY 27, 2016 TO FEBRUARY 27, 2017**

Edelman has been a proud participant in the United Nations Global Compact since March 2001. I am proud to affirm our continued support of the Compact and its principles.

Since our last Communication on Progress in February 2016, we published our FY16 Citizenship Report: “The Stories We Love to Tell” to communicate our continued commitment to practicing responsible business from the inside out by:

- **Empowering our employees to work and live well**
Human Rights, Employee Training, and Labor Rights Principles
- **Holding our suppliers and business partners to high ethical standards**
Labor and Anti-Corruption Principles, Supplier Code of Conduct
- **Reducing our impact on the environment**
Environment Principles, GHG reduction policies, Citizenship Scores
- **Making an impact in the communities where we operate**
Community Investment Grants, Volunteerism

To view our FY16 Citizenship Report, please click [here](#).

Over the past year, Edelman introduced new developments to further evolve the overall social performance of the firm and reinforce our commitment to Citizenship. These include the introduction of the Ruth Edelman Citizenship Award to recognize the best Citizenship pro bono program globally at Edelman; the reduction of our aggregated carbon intensity for our hub offices by 22 percent from FY11, outperforming our target 5 percent reduction goal by 16 percent; and the achievement of worldwide Carbon Trust certification. We continued to hold our offices accountable to Citizenship-related goals through our Citizenship Score, and we achieved our goal of reaching a global Citizenship Score of at least 8 out of 10 for the second year.

In FY16, we provided more than 32,000 hours of volunteerism, amounting to over US\$4.6 million in cash, non-cash (volunteerism) and in-kind giving to our communities. This included sharing our professional expertise with NGOs working to eradicate hunger and poverty, and contributing our time and enthusiasm to a variety of other causes.

Edelman continues to be engaged in the World Economic Forum’s Partnering Against Corruption Initiative (PACI), reflecting our commitment to the tenth Principle of the United Nations Global Compact.

As a company, we are committed to ensuring our business is run in a sustainable and ethical manner. We look forward to our continued partnership with the United Nations Global Compact as we move forward with our commitments to the Compact principles.

Sincerely,



Richard Edelman
President & CEO