

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

**PERIOD COVERED BY OUR COMMUNICATION ON PROGRESS
FROM: FEBRUARY 27, 2017 TO FEBRUARY 27, 2018**

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 2017, we have published our FY17 Citizenship Report, "Living Our Story," 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 FY17 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 [10 Citizenship Goals](#) for FY18 and beyond; the launch of a sustainable procurement policy that reflects our commitment to responsible purchasing and supplier diversity; the alignment of our Citizenship initiatives with the UN Sustainable Development Goals; the reduction of our absolute carbon emissions by 7 percent compared to FY15; and the purchase of renewable energy credits for all US offices.

In FY17, we provided more than 25,000 hours of volunteerism, amounting to over USD \$4 million in cash, non-cash 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