## ING Group - Communication on Progress 2018 CEO statement

If we want to live in a healthy sustainable world, we all have a role to play – people, companies, governments and organisations. ING's purpose is to empower people to stay a step ahead in life and in business, which means that we must be two steps ahead. Climate change and fast-changing technology present the biggest threats to our customers, and it's up to us to turn this threat into opportunity. That's why our sustainability initiatives are focused around ways to build the low-carbon and self-reliant society of the future.

The United Nations (UN) is instrumental to driving sustainable development and ING is a long-standing partner of the UN. ING became signatory of the United Nations Global Compact in 2006. We are also a member of the UNEP Finance Initiative and have committed to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

We recognise the responsibility that the private sector has to drive sustainable progress, and therefore remain fully committed to the UN Global Compact. I am pleased to reaffirm ING's support of the Global Compact's 10 principles governing the private sector's responsibilities in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment & Anti-Corruption.

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