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2022 COMMUNICATION ON PROGRESS

Requirement #1 – Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive Officer

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that Export Development Canada (EDC) reaffirms its support of the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti- Corruption. EDC officially signed onto the UNGC in 2020 and we continue to pledge our support. In our second annual Communication on Progress, we describe our actions to integrate the Global Compact and its principles into our business strategy, culture and operations.

At EDC, we believe that good environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices are key to our organization's sustainability, to the long-term success of Canadian companies and to Canada's international competitiveness and continued prosperity. This is why we've made ESG a fundamental enabler of EDC's 2030 Corporate Strategy, which calls for us to lead with our values and to enable exporters by embedding ESG principles in everything we do. These principles will not only dictate how we operate but are a part of our value proposition to the customers we support across all segments and sectors around the world. We see ESG as key to EDC's long-term sustainability as an organization, and to Canada's long-term economic sustainability.

Requirement #2 and 3 – Description of Practical Actions and Measurement of Outcomes

Each year, EDC reports on our ESG performance and measures in our <u>Integrated Annual Report (IAR)</u>. This includes an outline of our actions, progress and results and future steps in key areas including those as outlined by the UN Global Compact. Most notably, in 2021 we made critical progress on our ESG governance as we created the Chief Sustainability Officer role and restructured our Corporate Sustainability Group into three stablished teams (ESG Customer Success, ESG Policy and, ESG Strategy, Outreach and Reporting), each one headed by a new vice-president position supported by their respective teams of subject matter experts. We also made notable progress on our climate and human rights commitments, which are detailed in our stand-alone <u>2021 Climate-Related Disclosure (TCFD) Report</u> and <u>2021 Human Rights Report</u>.



To identify areas of interest more easily please refer to the table below:

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In addition, the report also highlights: our communities where we live and work, the health of our people and workplace, and communication with our stakeholders. These additional areas are equally a priority for EDC and the company's continued vision and commitment to ESG.

In 2021, EDC continued the process of strengthening our approaches to corporate responsibility and transparency, to economic equity, social justice and human rights, and to climate action. In this last area, 2021 was a particularly important year. We joined the growing movement of corporations and nations around the world that are making the commitment to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 and have already achieved major reductions in the size of our portfolio of carbon-intensive industries. We are taking an approach that is aligned with climate science as we set science-based sectoral targets and are committed to continue improving the transparency of our disclosures. For further details on our net-zero commitment, please see our net-zero backgrounder and press release.

Meeting our ESG commitments and targets will take us a long way toward achieving our ESG ambitions and demonstrating best-in-class practices in the financial sector. We remain committed to all areas of the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact. I look forward to reporting back on our progress next year and years to come.

Sincerely yours,

Mairead Lavery

President and Chief Executive Officer