

United Nations Global Compact Communications on Progress (COP) Message from our Chief Executive Officer – 24th June 2016

Unilever strongly supports the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) Ten Principles and welcomes its recognition of the positive contribution business can make to create a more prosperous and socially and environmentally sustainable world. It sets a critical framework for establishing a culture of integrity, upholding business to meet their responsibilities to people and planet while setting the stage for long-term success. The Communication on Progress (COP) is an important tool of transparency that provides the chance for an internal and external yearly evaluation of achievements.

The adoption of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has provided for the first time in history a clear global framework to resolve the world's biggest challenges. We have a unique opportunity to shape a more sustainable, inclusive and equitable future, and business plays a unique role in tackling these global challenges.

The SDGs are important drivers of business growth, innovation and investment. They have certainly reaffirmed our own belief in the relevance of the Unilever Sustainable Living Plan (USLP), acting as a further catalyst for our own action. Now entering its sixth year, the USLP is our blueprint for sustainable business.

- By providing quality, affordable products, we are progressing well towards our goal of helping more than 1 billion people take action to improve their health and well-being.
- By 2030 our goal is to halve the environmental footprint of the making and use of our products as we grow the business. This covers our entire value chain, from the sourcing of our raw materials and our own manufacturing, through to consumer use and disposal.
- Our third big goal is to enhance the livelihoods of millions of people through our social and economic contributions to many communities through employment, training and advancing human rights.

We have set ourselves a new ambition to become 'carbon positive' in our operations by 2030, which includes sourcing 100% of our energy across our operations from renewable sources. We were also the first company to adopt and use the UN Guiding Principles Reporting Framework to produce a detailed, stand-alone Human Rights report, published in June 2015.

We are committed to making continuous improvements in the management of our environmental and societal impact and to the longer-term goal of developing a sustainable business. To achieve this, we work in partnership with others – including government, NGOs and other companies – to create the transformational change needed in today's world, while also increasing our understanding and sharing of good practice.

Our commitment to responsible business is embedded into our business agenda through our purpose and vision. We are deeply committed to doing business with care for the environment, respect for human and labour rights, and with the highest standard of business integrity. That is why we are proud to be a founding signatory to the UNGC.

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Paul Polman
Chief Executive Officer