Stockholm Declaration:

We, a group of leading players of the global investment community gathered at the meeting Investing for sustainable development and sustainable impact towards 2030 in Stockholm on May 3rd and 4th, 2017. We are firmly committed to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a central framework to work with when investing towards 2030. It is a common road map for us all, into the sustainable future we want, where private sector and the investment community has a key role to play.

Achieving the SDGs will require an annual investment currently estimated to $5-7 trillion which urgently demands the mobilization of mainstream capital. Investors should see the 17 goals as 17 business opportunities, where investors can move beyond exclusion criteria to inclusion based investment strategies focused on investing with a positive impact on the SDGs. The 17 SDGs provide an opportunity for responsible investors to establish how they incorporate issues such as climate change, working conditions and diversity into their investment approach and active ownership to minimize negative impacts and foster sustainable development.

The SDGs also provide investors with an insight on how government decision-making and company behavior will shape the development of the global economy over the next 15 years. By setting policy makers’ priorities, the SDGs could be a key driver of global GDP growth and source of investment opportunities.

To achieve real impact on the ground, focused and coordinated effort and accomplishments are key. This however needs to be complemented by a set of well-defined and relevant reporting indicators linked to the SDGs to support investors and companies in achieving the Goals. Impact and real change should be measured and managed.

Therefore, we welcome the opportunity and are committed to work with the “Action Platform Reporting on the SDGs”, co-led by the UN Global Compact and GRI, and supported by the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI). We are also keen to investigate possibilities of measuring the investors’ impact related to the SDGs and will continue to collaborate to advance this agenda.

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