Leonardo appointed UN Global Compact LEAD: a leading role within the initiative of sustainability and global cooperation

Leonardo’s commitment to the Ten Principles of the Global Compact and to foster the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN Agenda 2030 is recognised

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The announcement was held during the event Uniting Business Live, on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Global Compact within the United Nations General Assembly. Leonardo is the only organisation among the top ten Aerospace, Defence and Security companies in the world to receive the recognition

The Statement from Business Leaders for Renewed Global Cooperation has been signed by more than 1,000 Chief Executive Officers, including the CEO of Leonardo, Alessandro Profumo, to strengthen the global cooperation and for companies to realign behind the mission of the United Nations

During the event, the CFO Principles on Integrated SDG Investments and Finance, which Leonardo joined to actively contribute to create a new sustainable finance model, were also presented

Rome, 21st September 2020 – Leonardo is part of the Global Compact LEAD, a selected group of global companies recognised as having a leading role within the world’s largest corporate sustainability initiative. Being Global Compact LEAD is the recognition of the company commitment to the Ten Principles of the Global Compact relating to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption, and towards support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The recognition took place during the event Uniting Business Live (21-23 September), on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly. On the occasion, the Statement from Business Leaders for Renewed Global Cooperation, promoted by the Global Compact, was presented to the UN Secretary-General, António Guterres. More than 1,000 CEOs from more than 100 countries signed the Statement. Among the signatories was the CEO of Leonardo, Alessandro Profumo. He responded to the appeal of the Global Compact after having also participated in a series of interviews, which involved 60 senior executives in the context of the Action Platform dedicated to the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16, focused on issues related to Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. The Company has participated in the multi-stakeholder collaboration platform since 2019. It is precisely within this framework that the Statement was developed.

“Being Global Compact LEAD increases our sense of responsibility towards people and the Planet”, underlines Alessandro Profumo, CEO of Leonardo. “Companies and institutions need urgently to work together, in a spirit of trust and multilateral cooperation, to find effective answers to global challenges and transformations. Investing in the technologies of the future through continuous innovation is at the centre of our sustainability strategy. By participating in the Global Compact and its collaboration platforms - adds Profumo - we are an active part of a global movement that, on the basis of different experiences but shared principles, is committed to innovating business models, also through new governance and finance approaches, to build a more equitable, inclusive and sustainable world”.

Leonardo is also a member of the CFO Taskforce of the Global Compact, which was established at the end of 2019, which the Company’s CFO, Alessandra Genco, has joined. The network will play a central role in defining a roadmap for sustainable corporate finance. Thanks to the commitment of the Taskforce and the signing of the Principles for Integrated SDG Investments and Finance, Leonardo will contribute to the creation of a sustainable financial model for the prosperity of companies and communities.