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# UNILEVER PLC DECLARES OFFER FOR ALL PREFERENCE SHARES IN UNILEVER N.V. UNCONDITIONAL

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- 99% OF THE ISSUED AND OUTSTANDING 6% AND 7% PREFERENCE SHARES HAVE BEEN TENDERED FOR ACCEPTANCE
- SETTLEMENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON 2 NOVEMBER 2017
- POST-ACCEPTANCE PERIOD COMMENCES ON 27 OCTOBER 2017 AND ENDS ON 2 NOVEMBER 2017
- STATUTORY BUY-OUT PROCEEDINGS WILL BE INITIATED FOLLOWING SETTLEMENT OF THE POST-ACCEPTANCE PERIOD

London/Rotterdam, 26 October 2017 – Unilever Corporate Holdings Nederland B.V. (the "Offeror"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Unilever PLC, Unilever PLC and Unilever N.V. are pleased to announce that the Offeror declares its recommended, partial, cash offer for (depositary receipts of) all 6% and 7% cumulative preference (sub)shares (together the "Preference Shares") in the capital of Unilever N.V. (the "Offer") unconditional (gestand doen). Remaining Preference Shares can be tendered in the post-acceptance period that commences on 27 October 2017 at 09:00 hours CET and ends on 2 November 2017 at 17:40 hours CET (the "Post-Acceptance Period"). Upon completion of the Offer, the Offeror will initiate statutory buy-out proceedings to acquire the remaining Preference Shares.

### **Acceptance**

At 17:40 hours CET on 25 October 2017, approximately 76% of the issued 6% cumulative preference shares and approximately 73% of the issued 7% cumulative preference shares have been tendered for acceptance pursuant to the Offer. Taking into consideration the Preference Shares held in treasury by Unilever N.V., this means that approximately 99% of the issued and outstanding 6% cumulative preference shares and approximately 99% of the issued and outstanding 7% cumulative preference shares have been tendered.

The table below shows the numbers tendered per type of Preference Share during the acceptance period at the relevant offer price (the "Offer Price"), amounting to an aggregate value of approximately EUR 446 million.

Type of Preference Share			Offer Price (cum dividend) (EUR)	Tendered Preference Shares (total number)
6% Preference Subshares			307.80	1,224,227
7% Preference Shares	7% Preference (whole) Shares		3,262	33
	7% Preference Subshares	Depositary Receipts		22,547
		7% preference subshares for which no depositary receipts are issued	326.20	188,780

#### Settlement

With reference to the offer memorandum published by the Offeror and Unilever PLC on 11 October 2017 (the "Offer Memorandum"), shareholders who have accepted the Offer shall receive the relevant Offer Price for each Preference Share validly tendered and transferred (*geleverd*), under the terms and subject to the conditions set out in the Offer Memorandum. Settlement of the Offer will take place on 2 November 2017. The Offeror cannot guarantee that shareholders will receive the payment on the same date.

## **Post-Acceptance Period**

With a view to obtaining 100% of the Preference Shares, the Offeror grants those shareholders who have not yet tendered their Preference Shares, the opportunity to tender their Preference Shares in the Post-Acceptance Period (*na-aanmeldingstermijn*). Such shareholders may tender their Preference Shares in the same manner and subject to the same terms, conditions and restrictions as described in the Offer Memorandum.

Shareholders who tender their Preference Shares during the Post-Acceptance Period will not have the right to withdraw such shares.

Preference Shares validly tendered during the Post-Acceptance Period will be accepted immediately. The Offeror shall pay for the Preference Shares that are validly tendered and transferred (*geleverd*) within five (5) business days of the last day of the Post-Acceptance Period. The Offeror cannot guarantee that shareholders will receive the payment within such period.

## Statutory buy-out proceedings

In order to acquire any Preference Share not owned by the Offeror, the Offeror will commence statutory buy-out proceedings (*uitkoopprocedure*) following settlement of the Post-Acceptance Period. The Offeror will request the Enterprise Chamber of the Amsterdam Court of Appeal to set the buy-out price at the Offer Price.

#### **Further information**

This announcement contains selected, condensed information regarding the Offer and does not replace the Offer Memorandum and/or the position statement of Unilever N.V. dated 11 October 2017 (the "Position Statement"). Shareholders are advised to review the Offer Memorandum and Position Statement in detail and to seek independent advice where appropriate to reach a balanced judgment in respect of the Offer.

The Offer Memorandum and Position Statement are available for downloading on the website of Unilever (<a href="www.unilever.com/investor-relations/unilever-shares/about-shares/">www.unilever.com/investor-relations/unilever-shares/about-shares/</a>). Copies thereof are also available free of charge via Unilever N.V., the Exchange Agent and the Administrative Tender Agent:

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#### Notice to U.S. holders of Preference Shares

The Offer is being made in reliance on the exemption from certain requirements of Rule 13e-4 under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934 provided by Rule 13e-4(h)(8) thereunder, and otherwise in accordance with the requirements of U.S. and Dutch law. Accordingly, the Offer is subject to Dutch disclosure and other procedural requirements, including, with respect to the offer timetable, extensions of the acceptance period and timing of payments that are different from those applicable under U.S. tender offer procedures and laws. U.S. investors are therefore advised to review the Offer Memorandum and the Position Statement in detail and to seek independent advice where appropriate. The Offer Memorandum and the Position Statement were furnished to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Form CB on 11 October 2017.

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This is a joint press release by Unilever Corporate Holdings Nederland B.V., Unilever PLC and Unilever N.V. pursuant to the provisions of Section 16 Paragraph 1 and Section 17 Paragraph 1 of the Decree in connection with the recommended public offer by Unilever Corporate Holdings Nederland B.V. for all Preference Shares in the capital of Unilever N.V. This announcement does not constitute an offer, or any solicitation of any offer, to buy or subscribe for any securities in Unilever N.V. Any offer will be made only by means of an offer memorandum specifically published for this purpose on the terms and conditions set forth therein, and subject to the applicable rules and regulations in the Netherlands. This announcement is not for release, publication or distribution, in whole or in part, in or into, directly or indirectly, any jurisdiction in which such release, publication or distribution would be unlawful.

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