LOCAL GOVERNMENT CLIMATE ROADMAP - LIMA COMMUNIQUÉ

1- WE WARN THAT THE GLOBAL WARMING AND RELATED CLIMATE CHANGE IS CLOSE TO A POINT OF NO-RETURN WHICH NO CITY/REGION CAN BEAR WITH CONSEQUENCES. Global warming and related climatic changes are approaching to a “point of no-return”. No city or region is climate-proof from catastrophic impacts and slow-onset changes. Ambitious commitments and actions by local and subnational governments, focusing equally on mitigation and adaptation, can help nations move towards a climate-friendly trajectory.

2- WE ASK FOR AN INCLUSIVE AND AMBITIOUS CLIMATE REGIME. Initiatives at the national level (like Resilient Communities for America or CB27 in Brazil), regional level (like the European Covenant of Mayors) or global level (like the Mexico City Pact, the Durban Adaptation Charter) and finally, the ambitious commitments announced at the Climate Summit 2014, in particular the Compact of Mayors and the Compact of States and Regions, should be taken into account in the preparation and implementation of Intended Nationally Determined Commitments (INDCs), Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs), Low Emissions Development Strategies (LEDs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), amongst others.

3- WE PRAISE ALL THE ADP CO-CHAIRS, THE TROIKA OF COP19-20-21, THE UNFCCC SECRETARIAT, FRIENDS OF CITIES AND THEIR ALLIES FOR THEIR VISION AND EFFORTS TO ENGAGE AND EMPOWER LOCAL AND SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS. We warmly welcome the participatory process throughout the ADP, including key policy proposals and findings discussed at Technical Expert Meetings (TEM) and captured in Technical Papers, in particular para.164 which refers to “establishment of a formal work programme for nations to work with city and subnational governments”. The vision laid out in ADP Co-Chairs Draft Text as of 11 November 2014, in particular in para37.a which refers to “further incentivization of subnational authorities, including cities, by enhancement of financial mechanisms and regulatory frameworks” and para 37.b “inviting subnational authorities, including cities, to scale-up and replicate ambitions and actions” should be fully reflected in the final Lima Outcomes.

4- WE COMMIT TO STRENGTHEN OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH ALL ACTORS OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO SCALE UP CLIMATE ACTION. A joint declaration between local governments and representatives from all constituencie engaged in the UNFCCC process, with a focus on climate change and the Sustainable Development Goals, was launched at the Climate Summit in New-York on 23 September 2014. We invite all actors of civil society as well as parliamentary and judicial bodies to expand and enrich collaboration with their local and subnational governments. We are committed to continuing our work with national delegations aligned around the Friends of Cities Group and expand its effectiveness at the UNFCCC negotiations.

5- WE WILL ACCELERATE OUR GLOBAL ADVOCACY AND RAISE OUR CLIMATE AMBITION. We will to accelerate our global advocacy coalition under the Local Government Climate Roadmap and the Global Task Force, raise our ambitions through our initiatives mentioned in para.2, enhance our transparency and accountability through regional process like the Sustainable Energy Action Plan of the European Covenant of Mayors and at the global level through the carbonn Climate Registry which is connected to other national, regional, global reporting platforms as appropriate by enabling reporting through local, national and regional methodologies and tools. We support the Lima Climate Action Agenda of COP20/CMP10 Presidency and we will convene the “Local Government Pavilion 2015” and “Summit of Cities” in Paris at COP21/CMP11 to kick-off “100 Transformative Actions for a Global 10-Year Action Plan of Low-Carbon, Low-Emissions, and Climate-Resilient Urban Development”.

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