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FLACMA EXPRESSES ITS OPPOSITION TO THE DECISION OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA TO CANCEL MUNICIPAL FUNDS

The associations, mayors and municipalities of Latin America, members of FLACMA, wish to make public our firm opposition to the recent unilateral decisions of the National Government of Argentina that intend to cancel funds that, by mandate of Argentinean Law, are destined to municipalities, with the purpose of financing social infrastructure works in cities. We express our solidarity with and support for the Argentinean Federation of Municipalities (FAM) following the actions it has taken in recent days aimed at the legitimate defence of the interests of municipalities and their inhabitants.

In this way, we further denounce the possible adoption of political reprisals that the Government of Argentina may adopt or has adopted against the interests of FAM itself and the municipalities of Argentina. In particular, we refer to the decision of the Government to evict FAM from the headquarters that it has occupied for almost two decades, adopted on the same date municipal funds were cancelled and Argentinean mayors presented their disagreement in public events.

FLACMA makes a respectful call to the Government of Argentina to reconsider both decisions, return the funds that correspond to the municipalities and cancel any hostile acts against the organization FAM, which is mandate by Law to represent the mayors of their country and works in favour of strengthening local life. Similarly, FLACMA offers its full support to the actions that FAM decides to undertake at the international and local level in order to achieve the above purposes, and with the vision of restoring the climate of dialogue and collaboration between the spheres of national and municipal government in their country.

FLACMA and our organizations, representing 16,400 cities in 33 countries, hope that the institutional respect among the spheres of government in Argentina can be restored, and that the current political disagreements do not damage the due respect of the responsibilities that correspond to each one of these spheres, in order to offer citizens a better quality of life.

Sincerely,



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Belize Mayors' Association – BMA / Belize
Federation of Municipal Associations of Bolivia - FAM / Bolivia
Association of Municipalities of Bolivia - AMB / Bolivia
Association of Women Councillors of Bolivia - ACOBOL / Bolivia
National Confederation of Municipalities - CNM / Brazil
Chilean Association of Municipalities - ACHM / Chile
Federation of Colombian Municipalities - FCM / Colombia
National Union of Local Governments - UNGL / Costa Rica
Confederation of Municipal Associations of Central America and the Caribbean - CAMCAYCA
Association of Ecuadorian Municipalities - AME / Ecuador
Corporation of Municipalities of the Republic of El Salvador - COMURES / El Salvador
National Federation of Mayors of Haiti - FENAMH / Haiti
Association of Honduran Municipalities - AMHON / Honduras
National Federation of Mexican Municipalities - FENAMM / Mexico
Association of Municipalities of Nicaragua - AMUNIC / Nicaragua
Association of Municipalities of Panama - AMUPA / Panama
Paraguayan Organization for Inter-municipal Cooperation - OPACI / Paraguay
Federation of Free Municipalities of Peru - FEMULP / Peru
Association of Municipalities of Peru - AMPE / Peru
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Dominican Municipalist Women's Union - UNMUNDO / Dominican Republic
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