THE LOCAL DIMENSION OF THE 2030 AGENDA

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We, local and regional leaders the world round, would like to reiterate that by paying specific attention to sustainable urbanization in SDG 11, the new agenda is triggering the type of transformation in our joint action that will lead to the world we want.

However, we need to highlight that all the SDGs have a local dimension, which is essential to their achievement.

We, as political leaders with a direct mandate emanating from the citizens, have a responsibility to contribute to the achievement of all SDGs.

Acknowledging a strong role for local and regional governments will enable them to mobilize all local stakeholders in a large coalition around the development goals we have jointly defined and create new partnerships based on a common understanding of our shared humanity.

The challenges faced are universal and need to be addressed together by all territories, big and small, in all countries, including small island developing states (SIDS).

We would further like to stress that the localization of the 2030 Agenda is not the implementation of a global or national agenda at local level; but rather building adequate conditions at local level to achieve the global goals.

Localization is therefore a political agenda which needs to be strongly anchored in providing the adequate competences, capacities and resources to the local governance mechanisms.

We call for:

- A strong mechanism for the implementation of the SDGs at local and regional level led by local and regional governments through their representative organizations.

- An Intergovernmental Panel on Sustainable Urbanization under the auspices of the High-level Political Forum, with representation from local and regional governments.