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Madam Executive Secretary,
Mister Chair,
Dear Delegates,

First of all, I would like to express to you our satisfaction to be here in Bangkok, participating to this supplementary session, organized early this year, showing the importance for parties and UNFCCC to make progress towards the implementation of the Cancun agreements, and eventually reaching in Durban a new step towards a global and balanced Agreement.

Last December in Cancun, thanks to your guidance, thanks to the strong will of the Mexican presidency and because of every party's positive spirit, it was possible to adopt the Cancun agreement.

We were invited to state 3 concrete points on how the Cancun Agreements can support your work:

Firstly, Para.7 of Dec.1/COP16 defined for the first time the role of stakeholders, and in particular it recognized local and subnational governments as "governmental stakeholders". This means a true recognition of the nature of local governments and their networks, but even more, it acknowledges the legitimacy of our mayors and the millions of citizens that already take action to fight climate change.

Secondly, para 4b. of Dec.3/CMP6 requests the Clean Development Mechanism Executive Board to consider city-wide programs in the context of simplifying procedures within program of activities for 2011. Pursuant to Copenhagen decisions, this is the first time cities are directly recognized within the Kyoto Protocol. It is an important decision towards the use of financial mechanism for cities of the south.

Thirdly, we would like to underline the Mexico City Pact so far signed by 179 mayors and its carbon Cities Climate Registry, as global response given by local governments for measurable, reportable, and verifiable action. All around the world local governments have already taken targeted actions for the implementation of Cancun Agreements. For example, at the Local Climate Solutions for Africa meeting, held in Cape Town on 27 Feb - 3 March. A number of major African cities and their

networks gathered in this initial African-wide preparations towards COP17 in Durban.

We believe these 3 issues should be considered as valuable inputs in your negotiations so that local governments can be effectively integrated in the implementation of economy wide reduction efforts in developed countries and boost sustainable low carbon urban development and local adaptation strategies in developing countries.