Your excellencies, distinguished delegates

Two weeks ago, I had the honour of welcoming you in my capacity as the Mayor of Lima.

I am now happy deliver key messages contained in Local Government Climate Roadmap Lima Communique as conclusions of Mayors and subnational leaders from all around the world who gathered at Lima City Hall on 8 December 2014.

1- Global warming and related climatic changes are approaching 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 can help nations move to a climate-friendly track.

2- We ask for an inclusive and ambitious climate regime. It is time to connect our experience and ambitions, including those announced at the Climate Summit 2014, with the efforts at the national and global level through the UNFCCC mechanisms.

3- We praise the vision and efforts of all Co-Chairs, Troika of COP19-20-21, the UNFCCC Secretariat and Friends of Cities and their allies, in particular through the ADP process in the in the last 2 years.

4- We commit to continue building new and additional partnerships with all actors of the society and at all levels of governments to scale-up climate action.

5- Towards Paris 2015, we commit to accelerate our global advocacy and raise our ambition for a Global 10-Year Action Plan of Low-Carbon, Low-Emissions, and Climate-Resilient Urban Development through transformative actions.

When you go back home, you will see that we are all there to support you. But here in Lima, it is your turn to support them.

We urge you to ensure that Lima Outcomes enhances engagement and empowerment of local and subnational governments through additional finance mechanisms, institutional capacity building and enabling regulatory frameworks.

The new online platform of Non-state Actor Zone for Climate Action is a good example for such a new spirit of collaboration.

On behalf of our constituency, I commend and warmly welcome this initiative of the Peruvian Government. I am particularly happy to see that NAZCA is strongly connected to the carbonn Climate Registry, world’s leading reporting platform of local and subnational climate action.

And on behalf of the people and City of Lima, I convey our sincere wishes for success in your journey to Paris2015 and beyond.