

The President

Johannesburg, 28 October 2016

Dr Kadir Topbaş
Mayor of Istanbul

Subject: Expression of gratitude

Dear Mayor Topbaş,

Allow me to express my sincere gratitude for your support during the World Congress in Bogotá.

The World Congress was a true expression of the maturity and opportunities of the World Organization, which has become more vibrant and diverse during your leadership.

I would like to assure you that I will utilize the trust put in me by the members to continue the work that you have carried out and to support the development of UCLG into a more global and influential organization.

I would like to take this opportunity to express the sincere thanks of the full membership for your service as President of United Cities and Local Governments over the past six years, and for the relentless engagement and commitment to the promotion of the international agenda of local governments.

We are well aware that the recognition achieved internationally and the involvement of members would not have been possible without your active participation and personal perseverance.

Allow me to offer my personal recognition and gratitude for the eloquent manner in which you guided the meetings in Bogotá, leading to the election of a new leadership.

I am certain to speak on behalf of the full Presidency when saying that we will do our very best to protect your legacy and bring the World Organization to the next level of recognition and achievements.

While counting on your continued active participation in our work, I take the opportunity to present to you, dear President, the expression of my highest consideration.

Sincerely



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