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# Declaration “EU Green Deal: from local to global”

We, local and regional authorities from all over the world, following the works of the UNFCCC COP26, acknowledge the efforts of the Parties to reach an agreement to align the climate ambition and to support a just transition. Nevertheless, we know that this is not enough to close the emission and adaptation gaps and ensure a fair transition for all to climate neutrality and a resilient future.

## → We therefore call on UNFCCC to:

- Reinforce the formal recognition of the role of subnational governments in the fight against climate change, starting from a formal inclusion of Regionally and Locally Determined Contributions (RLDCs) as a complement to Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and to include a section on climate commitments, actions and achievements undertaken by subnational governments in the national inventory reports of the Paris Climate Agreement transparency framework.
- Follow the example of the Edinburgh Declaration on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to acknowledge, monitor and encourage the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as well as acceleration of adaptation actions by sub-national governments worldwide and move towards a more comprehensive global framework.
- Propose Parties to systematically step up their effort towards an effective multilevel climate governance.
- Work in partnership with UNCBD and UNDP towards a consistent framework for climate neutrality and resilience, biodiversity protection and sustainable development.

We recall that the Paris Climate Agreement recognizes the important role played by multilevel governance in climate policies, with a view to help cities and regions deliver their Race-To-Zero and Race-To-Resilience commitments.

## → We therefore stand ready to:

- Setup a Subnational Breakthrough Agenda with a specific roadmap towards COP27 to support efforts at national and international level, following the World Leader Summit Statement on Breakthrough Agenda towards 2030.
- Foster subnational cooperation towards a holistic approach to climate action, and the creation of a GLocal Green Deal (building upon the EU Green Deal approach).
- Cooperate with the Global Covenant of Mayors in its effort to setup a Common Reporting Framework allowing to feed into the work on RLDCs.

Endorsed by LGMA, ICLEI, Climate Kic, AER, Regions 4, COSLA and Climate Alliance

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