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Building Inclusive and Sustainable Cities and Communities
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We, the participants of the 68th United Nations Civil Society Conference, adopt this document to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, building on our focus on education and global citizenship in Gyeongju (2016) and the concept of people-centered multilateralism we developed in New York (2018). This year, we concentrate specifically on Sustainable

We underscore the need to understand cities and communities as place-making, social cohesion, equitable prosperity and environmental spaces central to the achievement of all SDGs and not only SDG11. We uplift the importance of inclusivity, peace, education, and the youth; explore the ethical development of economy, infrastructure and technology needed to support sustainable and balanced rural and urban growth; and highlight the collaboration of governments, civil society, and the United Nations in this work. We stress the urgency for climate action. For each of these, we affirm our beliefs, urge others to partner with us, and commit to action in order to uplift the human spirit, create humane cities for people to flourish and enhance the quality of life for all.

Without active recognition of the challenges we face in the quest for sustainable and inclusive cities and communities, we will accomplish nothing.

Therefore, we affirm:

- The importance of inclusivity and respect for human rights, recognizing that sustainable cities and communities must foster opportunities for all, regardless of age; gender; race; sexual

orientation; religion; socio-economic status; disability; or any other factor, including societal or individual traditions, and value.

- The need for immediate and effective action in response to the climate change crisis, noting that it poses a grave threat today, not only to the sustainability of human society, but to life itself, especially in coastal communities and other vulnerable places. Furthermore, t

- To practice environmental stewardship, proactively mitigating climate change and its adverse environmental impact through individual and collective action, including the active sharing of best practices from most deprived groups and those living in informal settlements.
- To promote sustainable peace as the presence of harmony, respect, and inclusive collaboration in our communities, within and among countries.
- To inspire, encourage, and support youth in their visions and to aid their preparation for, and access to, a robust future.
- To urge governments at all levels and community partners to build, upgrade, and repair

- To provide meaningful spaces and mechanisms for the sustained engagement of civil society in the dialogues that mark the 75th anniversary of the UN. We underscore that this anniversary provides a much-needed opportunity to reflect on the direction of the UN and ensure it is built to address the global challenges of the 21st century experienced by people in their communities.

We call on governments at all levels and all other stakeholders:

- To **T** **a** that enable the localisation of the SDGs and the elaboration and deployment of people-centered local strategies. Furthermore, we underscore the need to understand cities and communities as place-making, social cohesion, equitable prosperity and environmental spaces central to the achievement of all SDGs and not only SDG11.
- To report on follow- **acceleration** SDGs actions through Voluntary National Reviews and UN Major Groups & Other Stakeholders reports.
- To actively support and engage in the tenth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF10), convened by the UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) on 8-13 February 2020 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, which will bring together thousands of stakeholders to share practices and knowledge on how cities are built, planned and managed.

We have only 11 years to deliver on the promises we made through the Sustainable Development Goals. We have less than 11 years to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

Therefore, be it resolved:

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