

## COMMUNIQUÉ FROM LARGE WORLD CITIES (C20)

WE, leaders and delegates of large city governments, meeting for the first time 3 – 5 October, 2005 at the World Cities Leadership Climate Summit in London, U.K., sponsored by the Greater London Authority and the Mayor of London, commit to work together to lead efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change.

WE further urge the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Kyoto Protocol to recognise the partnership role that the C20 governments must play if the world is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change.

WE call on Parties to the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol on the occasion of the historic United Nations Climate Change Conference taking place in Montreal, Canada, 28 November – 9 December, 2005 to begin negotiations on a post-2012 climate agreement that will set the world on a path toward the deeper global emissions reductions, of 20 percent by 2020 and 60-75 percent by 2060 from 1990 levels, which are required to minimize human interference with the climate system.

WE take this opportunity to emphasize our common concern and differentiated responsibilities for emissions that are changing the earth's climate, our common vulnerabilities to climate change effects, and the significant opportunities for emissions reductions and adaptation that our cities represent:

- Climate change impacts like floods, drought, water availability and quality, extreme heat, air pollution, and infectious disease are potentially devastating—C20 cities have already experienced these effects.
- Large cities are significant sources of greenhouse gases from cars, trucks, industries, manufacturing, buildings, and waste, and cities are growing in significance as more of the world's population reside there.
- Large cities have sizeable economies that are ideal markets to incubate, develop, and commercialise greenhouse gas reducing and adaptation technologies, including those to improve energy efficiency, waste management, water conservation, and renewable energy.
- Large city governments have important responsibilities for emergency response, civilian protection, water and waste management services, land-use, transportation and infrastructure planning that affect energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions and the potential of communities to adapt to climate change.
- Cutting greenhouse gas emissions has saved our governments considerable resources and fostered sustainable community development.

WE the C20 Large World Cities are prepared to undertake and share the following Actions over the next 18 months:

- 1) Action #1: Commit to work together to set ambitious collective and individual, targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
- 2) Action #2: Commit to ensure that we have highly effective agencies or programs dedicated to accelerating investments in municipal and community greenhouse gas emissions reductions and adaptation;
- 3) Action #3: Commit to develop, exchange, and implement best practices and strategies on emissions reductions and climate adaptation;
- 4) Action #4: Commit to develop and share communications strategies that sensitize citizens and stakeholders to climate change issues;
- 5) Action #5: Commit to create sustainable municipal procurement alliances and procurement policies that accelerate the uptake of climate friendly technologies and measurably influence the marketplace, including products containing greenhouse gases such as certain CFCs not covered by the UNFCCC;
- 6) Action #6: Meet again within 18 months in New York City to measure our progress and report back to the U.N.

WE seek additional financial and technical assistance from international agencies and our national governments to continue to build the capacity to implement cost-effective and citizen protecting actions like those above.

WE also call on national governments to ensure that city governments have the opportunity to participate in emissions trading in accordance with evolving domestic and international trading systems.

Over the past 10 years, municipal governments worldwide have demonstrated their commitment and capacity to reduce emissions and implement adaptation measures supported by ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection campaign. The C20 cities will join the campaign and work with ICLEI and The Climate Group to take our actions forward.

This statement of commitment complements the statement to be submitted by ICLEI in Montreal on behalf of local governments worldwide to demonstrate that cities of all sizes can yield significant positive influence in the race to stop global warming. The C20 cities recognise our role as large city governments and the multiple benefits our actions can produce, including peace and reduction of inequality, by virtue of the populations we represent.

WE are ready to take action and join other cities, regions, states, provinces, national governments, and corporations around the world to lead the way.