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Metropolis commits to take up local and global issues

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As the outcome of the 12th Metropolis World Congress and the 37th General Assembly of the “*Association Internationale des Maires Francophones*” (AIMF), mayors of the cities present have signed a commitment to stand together and take up local and global challenges, including by implementing the Paris climate agreement.

By encouraging this statement, Metropolis shows its willingness to get involved in the global leadership that aims to address the most pressing contemporary challenges.

Thus, as stated by Denis Coderre, President of Metropolis and Mayor of Montreal, "We, mayors and representatives of cities from around the globe, are more determined than ever to show strong leadership and contribute to the resolution of global issues that affect both the urban population and all of the world's population. The Montreal Declaration confirms the commitment of cities to implement the Paris climate agreement, as well as the declaration from the Climate Summit for Local Leaders and this, regardless of the international political context"

You can find the Montreal declaration in full below



MONTREAL DECLARATION

**CITIES IN THE VANGUARD
TO ADDRESS LOCAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES
AND IMPLEMENT THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

We, Mayors and Representatives of cities and metropolitan regions from every continent,

Meeting in Montréal from June 19 to 22, 2017 for the XIth World Congress of Metropolis, the World Association of Major Metropolises, and also for the XXXVIIIth General Assembly of the AIMF (l'Association Internationale des Maires Francophones),

Joined by United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and other large international networks of cities, such as the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group and ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability),

DECLARE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS almost sixty percent of the world's population already lives in urban regions, and this proportion is constantly increasing;

WHEREAS global issues, such as economic development, climate change and migration impact on urban populations, just as local issues, such as environmental management and biodiversity, social cohesion and security also have global ramifications;

WHEREAS the objectives established by the international community to meet global challenges cannot be fulfilled without the involvement and commitment of the metropolises and all the world's cities and local governments;

WHEREAS women and their networks play a prominent role within local governments with regard to the gender dimension in public policies, to ensure the latter guarantee effective exercise of the rights of all women and men, promote "living together", take local communities into account and protect our environmental heritage;

RECALLING that the world's cities and local governments are major players in matters of local and global issues;

RECOGNIZING the responsibilities incumbent upon us at both local and global levels: