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Montréal, July 16, 2015

Subject: Invitation to the Montréal Thematic Meeting on Metropolitan Areas leading to the Habitat III Conference

Dear Member of METROPOLIS,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the Montréal Thematic Meeting on Metropolitan Areas, to be held at the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) on October 6-7, 2015 under the aegis of the United Nations.

The Meeting has been selected by the Habitat III Secretariat to be part of the eleven thematic and regional meetings in preparation for the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III). Habitat III will provide an opportunity to adopt the New Urban Agenda for the 21st century.

The Montréal Thematic Meeting on Metropolitan Areas aims to foster dialogue between representatives of national governments, metropolitan institutions, municipalities, experts and civil society. It will also provide an opportunity to adopt the Montréal Declaration on Metropolitan Areas. We hope that the Declaration will underscore the importance of concerted action and stakeholder cooperation at the metropolitan level with a view to encouraging sustainable urban development.

Against that backdrop, the voices of metropolitan areas and the cities they comprise must be fully heard in the discussions that will take place in Montréal. **Since you are a member of METROPOLIS, World Association of the Major Metropolises, your presence is important**, as the Meeting will provide a forum to share your concerns, collaborative experiences and vision for metropolitan planning and governance. By participating, you will be making a significant contribution to the success of this international gathering.

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The Montréal Declaration on Metropolitan Areas will be in line with positions already adopted by international organizations concerned with metropolitan issues, including Metropolis, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the Pan American Network of Metropolitan Areas. Once approved, the Montréal Declaration will be submitted to the Habitat III Secretariat for consideration in the decision process leading to the adoption of the New Urban Agenda in Quito in 2016.

If you plan to attend the Montréal Thematic Meeting on Metropolitan Areas, please RSVP by email as soon as possible (habitatmtl@cmm.qc.ca). For further information, please consult the CMM website (www.cmm.qc.ca) or contact Maryline Charbonneau at +1 514 350-0081.

We look forward to seeing you in Montréal on October 6-7.

Mayor of Montréal and Chair
of the CMM

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Denis Coderre

Chair of the Île de France Regional Council
and President of Metropolis

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Jean-Paul Huchon