



**INTERVENTION ON BEHALF OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES MAJOR GROUP
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Mr. President, Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

The second UN environment assembly arrives at a time when global agreements and goals have to be implemented rapidly. In this new age of environment it is essential for national governments and global community to engage local and subnational governments as we are now living in an Urban World.

As a concrete demonstration of this new way of multilevel and multistakeholder partnerships, I am happy to inform you that City of Toyama in collaboration with the Japan Ministry of Environment, hosted the first dialogue of cities, Mayors and other subnational leaders with the G7 Ministers of Environment.

The dialogue focused on 3 issues; Compact and resilient cities and modernization of transport networks, Low-carbon and resilient energy supply systems using regional/local resources, Sharing of innovative approaches by selected leading city governments and promotion of city-to-city cooperation, roles of international organizations

The session reached below conclusions; Cities continue and accelerate efforts in becoming more sustainable cities and showcasing practices, Cities are promoting networks of leading cities and encouraging successive cities to be involved, Cities proactively share current efforts made by cities in creating advanced cases with concrete practices at key international conferences; Main streaming of the cities.

We are happy to see that the outcomes are captured in para.59 and 60 of G7 Communiqué.

We sincerely encourage UNEA and UNEP to be inspired with this initiative. Such dialogues will be essential to accelerate implementation for 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda including SDG: 11 on cities, Paris Climate Agreement and upcoming HABITATIII. We will be happy to continue our collaboration with UNEP to conduct such dialogues high level dialogues with leaders of local and subnational governments as part of future UNEA cycles.