

**LOCAL AUTHORITIES MAJOR GROUP WRITTEN STATEMENT ON THE PARIS AGREEMENT**

**2nd OPEN-ENDED MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO UNEP**

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Local Authorities Major Group welcomes strong references for enhanced engagement of Non-Party Stakeholders in the Paris Climate Agreement.

In order to make progress in the implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement we would like to highlight the following:

Local and subnational governments strongly urge all national governments to take the necessary executive and legislative action so as to signing and ratifying the Paris Agreement.

Local and subnational governments encourage national governments support new and additional partnerships that raises ambitions and accelerates actions through active engagement of non-party stakeholders according with para.15 of the Paris Agreement preamble which recognise the importance of engagement of all levels of governments and actors, as well as numerous references to Non-Party Stakeholders.

Local and subnational governments urge for a synergy among the numerous initiatives under Lima-Paris Action Agenda, as well as expansion of Technical Examination Process and introduction of a new mechanism with the appointment of COP21 and COP22 Champions. We call for UNEA to be actively involved in these discussions, taking into account the views expressed by Non-Party Stakeholders and Major Groups and Stakeholders.