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### INTERVENTION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES (LGMA)\* CONSTITUENCY

#### AT THE JOINT CLOSING PLENARY OF SBSTA50/SBI50

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Thank you Mr Chair.

My name is Jisun Hwang from ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) and I am delivering this statement on behalf of Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency.

Over the past two weeks of SB50, the LGMA Constituency focused on demonstrating subnational efforts to strengthen the enhancement of ambition through multilevel and collaborative climate action.

Regarding adaptation and e-mobility, the COP24 Presidency and ICLEI jointly convened a special event, “Driving Change Together” on 26 June as a follow up of ICLEI’s Action Pledge under the Nairobi Work Programme (NWP).<sup>1</sup> Cities and regions are implementing ambitious adaptation actions by enhancing capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change, guided by the best available science such as the Summary for Urban Policymakers<sup>2</sup> and relevant robust data.<sup>3</sup> Decarbonising transport needs to be pursued through joint and consistent actions undertaken at all levels of government through an integrated approach, combining engagement of local, regional, national policymakers. We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to the COP24 Presidency and we look forward

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<sup>1</sup> See <http://www4.unfccc.int/sites/nwp/Pages/item.aspx?ListItemId=28633&ListUrl=/sites/nwp/Lists/MainDB>.

<sup>2</sup> Available at: <https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/sites/2/2018/12/SPM-for-cities.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> See the report, Data Speak Louder than Words, available at: <https://resilientcities2019.iclei.org/wp-content/uploads/Data-speak-report-web-final.pdf>.

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to further developing this innovative model of engagement for raising ambition in implementing the Paris Agreement.

By engaging at the 11th Research Dialogue (RD11), ICLEI provided science-policy-practice input on transformative urban adaptation and climate resilient development. Drawing upon proven practices and technologies, our input highlighted enabling and multiplying policy, regulation, governance, and capacity building factors that generate synergies and optimise results and long-term impacts through the examples of: 1) district heating/cooling; 2) sustainable urban transport; 3) waste management; and 4) smart city infrastructure.<sup>4</sup> CitiesIPCC Partners presented six topical research areas designed to address city-level challenges and inform integrated, sustainable actions.<sup>5</sup>

By organising the Finance Forum in the margins of the tenth anniversary of the Resilient Cities Congress 2019,<sup>6</sup> ICLEI, in close collaboration with the Cities Climate Finance Leadership Alliance (CCFLA) and C40, underscored the importance of vertical integration for NDC implementation in closing the finance gap and unlocking climate finance for local and regional governments. By helping subnational governments find matching technical and financial partners to reach project bankability, project pipelines such as the Transformative Actions Program (TAP)<sup>7</sup> will act as catalysts for enabling early stage project preparation and capacity building for local and regional governments<sup>8</sup> in the lead up to the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) 2019 Forum on sustainable cities.<sup>9</sup>

Looking ahead, in the lead up to COP25, the LGMA Constituency looks forward to contributing actively to the Infrastructure, Cities and Local Action track<sup>10</sup> of the UN Climate Action Summit 2019 by scaling up efforts at the local and regional levels to share best practices in a holistic and integrated manner with a focus on low-emission buildings, mass transport, urban infrastructure and resilience for the urban poor.

Thank you Mr Chair.

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<sup>4</sup> See [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/2.8Scaling%20up%20local%20comm%20RD\\_SG%20poster.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/2.8Scaling%20up%20local%20comm%20RD_SG%20poster.pdf).

<sup>5</sup> See [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/2.2WCRP\\_CitiesIPCC\\_Research-Action-Agenda.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/2.2WCRP_CitiesIPCC_Research-Action-Agenda.pdf).

<sup>6</sup> See <https://resilientcities2019.iclei.org/program/finance-forum/>.

<sup>7</sup> See <http://tap-potential.org/about-tap/>.

<sup>8</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/ICLEI-%20C40%20GCoM-CCFLA%20proposition.pdf>.

<sup>9</sup> Decision 4/CP.24, paragraph 9. Available at: <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/10a1.pdf>.

<sup>10</sup> See <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/WP-Infrastructures-Cities-and-Local-Action.pdf>.

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