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Mr President, Excellencies, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

My name is Magnus Berntsson, Regional Minister of Environment of Västra Götaland, Sweden and President of the Assembly of European Regions, and I deliver this statement on behalf of the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) constituency.

All over the world subnational governments are raising their ambitions and moving beyond existing commitments. Through forming new partnerships sometimes within organisations such as AER, but also between the public and the private sector as well as with civil society – stakeholders are coming together and working towards a climate smart society. Cooperation across borders is the way to deliver and follow through on the commitments of the Paris agreement.

Local and regional governments around the world commend the COP23 and COP24 Presidencies with the launch of The Talanoa Call For Action which elevates multilevel, multistakeholder, ambitious climate action into a next level and we fully endorse this vision.

We also welcome the initiatives of the COP24 Presidency on just transition, electric mobility and forests.

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At the SBSTA49, we are deeply concerned about the failure of Parties to welcome the IPCC Special Report on 1.5oC. In this regard, we are proud to inform the UNFCCC Community that a broad coalition of local and regional governments have teamed up with IPCC 1.5oC Lead Authors and developed a special Summary for Urban Policy Makers, as a clear indication of the commitment of subnational action to ambitious climate action.

At the SBI49, we are delighted to be actively involved in first Capacity Building Hub.

We welcome additional announcements from a number of national governments, development banks, and finance institutions to increase their contribution to climate funds. We hope these will help the Standing Committee of Finance Forum on cities in 2019 into a major success.

We also welcome the acceleration of achievements of Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action and look forward to its evolution beyond 2020.

At COP24, local and regional governments proudly concluded their year-long engagement in Talanoa Dialogues that through 60 events in 40 countries, supported with a call for action from European Green Capitals at the Katowice Climate Shift event hosted by City of Katowice.

However, we would like to underline that without a robust Paris Agreement Work Programme and a clear decision to carry the spirit of Talanoa Dialogue to enhance NDCs through multilevel collaboration, it is impossible to call COP24 a success, and will hinder the success of 2019 UN Climate Summit.

We commend all Parties who support this vision and urge all other Parties to act responsibly so that COP24 outcomes accelerate the global transformation of the Urban World to low-carbon high-resilient development.

Thank you Mr President.

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