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

**AT THE JOINT CLOSING PLENARY OF COP24/CMP14/CMA 1.3**  
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Thank you Mr President.

My name is Jisun Hwang from ICLEI—Local Governments for Sustainability and I deliver this statement on behalf of the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) constituency.

At the outset, we express our sincere appreciation to you for your leadership at COP24 and thank the people of the city of Katowice for their warm hospitality.

We welcome decision 1/CP.24, paragraph 37, where the COP invites Parties to consider the Talanoa outcomes and outputs<sup>1</sup> in preparing their NDCs and in their pre-2020 implementation and ambition. This provides a significant visibility and recognition for the year-round mobilisation we led within the scope of Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues. With the Katowice outcomes, we will disseminate the message from 60 Dialogues in 40 countries to all countries in the world regardless of whether they have hosted a Talanoa, as we are confident that multilevel action is on the way to becoming a concrete practice in delivering NDCs and raising ambition towards 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> Available at: <http://www.cities-and-regions.org/cop23/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/cities-and-regions-talanoa-dialogues-2018-iclei.pdf>.

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We are happy to see the stronger reference to the IPCC 1.5 special report.<sup>2</sup> A broad coalition of local and regional governments partnered with IPCC 1.5oC Lead Authors to publish the Summary for Urban Policy Makers<sup>3</sup> as a clear indication of our commitment to enhancing subnational action for higher ambition.

Regarding the matters relating to the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF), we welcome the SCF decision to focus on sustainable cities as its topic for the 2019 Forum.<sup>4</sup> This SCF Forum will bring us a step closer to building more confidence in advancing NDCs through global finance, now that multilevel action is more visible in the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

While we would have wished to see more of the Bangkok Outcome<sup>5</sup> elements in reference to cities and other subnational governments remain in the final package of COP24, we look forward to engaging more with Parties, as shown through the Talanoa experience, to build a stronger framework for multilevel action and have it reflected in future decisions.

Thank you Mr President.

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<sup>2</sup> FCCC/CP/2018/L.27, paragraph 26. Available at: [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/l27\\_1.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/l27_1.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> Available at: <https://www.c40.org/researches/summary-for-urban-policymakers-what-the-ipcc-special-report-on-global-warming-of-1-5-c-means-for-cities>.

<sup>4</sup> FCCC/CP/2018/L.13, paragraph 9, available at: [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/l13\\_1.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/l13_1.pdf).

<sup>5</sup> Available at: [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Latest%20PAWP%20documents\\_9Sep.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Latest%20PAWP%20documents_9Sep.pdf).

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