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**INTERVENTION OF THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES (LGMA)*
CONSTITUENCY
AT THE TALANOA CLOSING PLENARY**

Delivered by Stefan Wagner, Head of the Department of International Affairs and Global Sustainability of the city of Bonn**

Your Excellencies,

My name is Stefan Wagner, Head of the Department of International Affairs and Global Sustainability of the city of Bonn. I have the honour of delivering this statement on behalf of the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) constituency.

At the outset, the LGMA constituency takes this opportunity to extend its congratulations to the Presidencies for having successfully convened the Talanoa Dialogue on 6 May, in an open, inclusive and transparent manner. This legacy of Fijian Presidency definitely marks a turning point in global climate action and we thank you for your leadership.

We are encouraged by so many Parties and stakeholders referring to their effort to engage with all levels of governments, the vision enshrined in the Paris Agreement.

Our key takeaway from Sunday Talanoa Dialogue is to encourage all nations to continue such practices in their countries. And we are happy to hear the same vision from many nations at yesterday's plenary.

Because, we believe, the Talanoa process offers a crucial chance to seize the potential of the Urban World for global climate action.

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The transformative power of sustainable integrated urban and territorial development as well as engaging all levels of governments can present national governments vast opportunities to **fix-and-lift** Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and make them fit for Paris Agreement.

One important example is the Talanoa Dialogue held in Quito on 4 May Friday. At the end of the event, the Ministry of the Environment, the Municipality of Quito, WWF Ecuador and the Association of Municipalities of Ecuador with the support of ICLEI, the Global Covenant of Mayors and the European Union, signed a Memorandum of Understanding which states the creation of the National Consultative Committee for Climate Change in Ecuador.

Similarly, the city of Bonn also convened a high level, multi-stakeholder Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogue and Dinner on 27 April in the margins of the Resilient Cities Congress 2018. Our discussions focused on technical, financial or legal changes in favor of the multilevel implementation of the Paris Agreement in 2018, towards 2020 and towards 2050.

From Scottish green bonds to a common pool of resources for cities in Ghana as mentioned by Cape Coast which is Bonn's partner city, we mapped out numerous examples and opportunities.

Today, I have the pleasure announce more than 50 sessions of Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogue that will take place throughout the year in 45 countries, equally distributed in the global north and global south.

We look forward to working with all of you; Parties as well as non-party stakeholders from civil society to business from indigenous communities to finance institutions, in these dialogues, and present our outcomes at COP24 in Katowice to accelerate ambitious climate action worldwide at all levels.

I thank you.

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