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LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES CONSTITUENCY (LGMA) ASKS FOR TEXT INCLUSION IN COP29 NEGOTIATIONS

We, the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities Constituency, on behalf of the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, would like to remind all Parties that we left Dubai with a huge sense of positive momentum following a successful Global Stocktake and Paragraph 161 of the UAE Consensus that urged all Parties toward multilevel action.

As negotiations on several agenda items intensify in the second week of COP29, we call on all Parties to the Paris Agreement, current and future Presidencies of UNFCCC COPs, CHAMP endorsers, the UNFCCC Secretariat, along with 193 signatories to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, to ensure that this momentum continues and include the following paragraphs in official negotiations outcomes:

Mitigation Work Programme: To recognise the useful outcomes of 2024 Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme focused on “Cities: buildings and urban systems,”; on which there is no disagreement between parties, we invite UNFCCC Parties to support the outcomes of the dialogue in order to seize opportunities to enhance successful delivery of Paris Agreement through multilevel action and sustainable urbanization, through including the following para in the outcomes:

Welcoming the outcomes of 3rd and 4th Dialogues of Sharm El Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Programme (MWP) in 2024 and COP29 Ministerial Meeting on Urbanisation and Climate Change on 20 November, call for joint SBI/SBSTA dialogues to seize opportunities to enhance successful delivery of the Paris Agreement goals through sustainable urbanisation, to be presented and agreed at COP30.

NCQG: To guarantee an ambitious, quantified climate finance goal that is just, equitable, well-funded, that can be directly accessed by subnational governments and that accelerates the transition across all levels of government, we stand ready to support the COP29 Presidency, Egypt and Australian Ministers in the elaboration of the final text on the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance. We therefore suggest that the following two paragraphs from the draft NCQG text Version 15/11/2024 18:30 are kept in the final outcome (yellow highlighted text is the text we would like to keep in the outcome document):

79. {Requests}{Urges} developed country Parties, {other Parties,} operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and other climate finance providers and entities to {enhance}{streamline} access to climate finance {through bilateral and multilateral channels}{across all channels of support} for developing country Parties, taking into

account country-driven strategies, including {by, as applicable,} harmonizing and streamlining policies and processes; simplifying application, approval and disbursement processes; prioritizing and standardizing direct access modalities, including at national and subnational levels; strengthening human and institutional capacity in developing countries {including for project formulation and implementation}, reducing administrative burden for the approval of smaller funding amounts and making greater use of programmatic approaches, {reducing co-financing requirements by leaving no one behind} and improving access to climate-related data and information;

82. Encourages Parties to continue to enhance access to climate finance through bilateral, regional and multilateral channels, including by, where feasible, making efforts to:

(a) Continue to take into account debt sustainability levels when providing and mobilizing resources;

(b) Enhance local ownership through supporting modalities, such as direct access at the subnational and community levels, notably by working with local civil society and Indigenous Peoples organizations, where appropriate;

(c) Support efforts to address systemic inequities to access for developing country recipients, including variables that affect the high cost of capital and transaction costs, and capacity constraints.

In the UAE Dialogue on implementation of global stocktake outcomes: Building on Paragraph 161 of the COP28 UAE Consensus, as well as the landmark CHAMP (Coalition for High Ambition on Multilevel Partnership) initiative launched by the COP28 Presidency, we invite Parties to ensure the following text in the outcomes of the UAE Dialogue on implementation of global stocktake outcomes:

Recognizes the important role and active engagement of cities and subnational governments and other non-Party stakeholders in ensuring climate action delivery, social inclusion, and addressing inequalities,, especially for the most marginalised groups, and urges their continued collaboration with Parties to enhance action and accelerate implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement.

Calls on Parties to involve local and other subnational governments in the planning, financing, implementation, and monitoring of upcoming Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), and Long-Term Strategies (LTS), with a view to facilitating inclusive, multilevel, gender-responsive and cooperative action.

Decides to convene an annual high-level ministerial round table on, including but not limited to, climate finance and implementation of the Paris Agreement with Parties and cities and subnational authorities and other non-Party stakeholders beginning at the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement.”