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For the attention of Mr Miguel Arias CAÑETE, European
Commissioner

**Subject: Invitation to speak during the Sustainable European City Plenary Session of Climate
Chance 2016**

Dear Mr CAÑETE

During the COP21 in November 2015, we officially launched the first global Climate Chance summit, which will take place in Nantes, the largest city in western France, from 26 to 28 September 2016.

Climate Chance has the ambition of becoming the annual event for non-state actors committed to the climate. This event will focus their mobilisation and contribute to consolidating their commitments over the long term, as it is through concrete actions carried by these actors that States will be able to meet the commitments made during the COP21.

Climate Chance follows in the footsteps of Ecocity 2013, the Climate and Territories Summit in Lyon in July 2015, the International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa in July 2015, the Bogotá Climate Summit in September, the Climate Week and UN General Assembly in New York and, naturally, the COP21 and the Climate Summit for Local Leaders in Paris.

The COP21 was an unquestionable success in many ways, as well as being a landmark moment for recognising the dynamic momentum of "non-state" actors whose place has never before been as important.

Today, a new era is beginning - one that is just as important - to implement, update and assess these principles and we want to be involved in this process.

The Climate Change summit aims to be a key moment in the 2016 international climate issue agenda, in preparation for the COP22 in Marrakesh and just before Habitat III. This summit will be the opportunity to take stock of the initiatives by non-state actors and networks, to organise high-level dialogue, and to move towards the assessment grid for non-state climate actions that it intends to produce.

We cordially invite you to the Climate Change summit from 26 to 28 September 2016, and we would be honoured if you would accept to speak during the "Sustainable European City Plenary Session" alongside other high-level speakers.

This plenary session organised on 26 September at 4.00 pm in La Cité - the Nantes Congress Centre, will bring together a large number of actors from all over the world and will set the tone for the 2016 Climate Change summit. It will be dedicated to sustainable European cities, and will be the chance to show that climate change is a source of new opportunities for urban territories: climate constraints impose a new way of thinking about ecological transitions and open up new sources of development for regions. This session will be the opportunity to highlight the way in which the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals are changing the approach to the construction of the sustainable European city. A significant part of the session will be on solutions to integrate these SDGs into urban projects. Several successive speakers will show how low-carbon cities with high quality of life can generate opportunities, in particular for employment and wealth creation. This session will be coordinated by the Eurocities network of European cities.

We sincerely count on your participation to enrich this Sustainable European City Plenary Session and we invite you to confirm your availability to take part in this plenary session as soon as possible. [REDACTED] is at your disposal to organise your visit, [REDACTED]@lacte-nantes.fr, +33 2 [REDACTED].

We would like to thank you in advance for helping us make this event anticipated by all non-state actors a success, and for your favourable response to our request.

Yours sincerely,

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Mayor of the City of Nantes

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