SUBJECT: Invitation to Participate in the Sustainable Urban Resilience Financing Facility (SURFF)

On behalf of the COP31 Presidency, I extend my respects to you, and it is my honour to inform you of the following.

As we prepare for the upcoming 31st Conference of the Parties (COP31) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Antalya, our focus is on translating collective climate ambition into concrete and practical action. Through the COP31 Action Agenda, we are placing implementation at the heart of our efforts. Building on the framework of the Global Climate Action Agenda, we designed the COP31 Action Agenda as a practical implementation platform that complements formal negotiations by mobilising voluntary action, partnerships and coalitions among Parties and non-Party stakeholders to accelerate implementation and deliver tangible results across ten priority areas for climate action.

As part of this effort, the COP31 Presidency is honoured to share the attached **concept note for the Sustainable Urban Resilience Financing Facility (SURFF),** aimed at accelerating cross-sectoral urban resilience investment in low- and middle-income countries by supporting countries and cities in translating climate commitments into tangible investment programmes and investment-ready projects that respond to local needs.

SURFF responds to the persistent gap between growing urban ambition in national climate plans and the capacity of countries and cities to translate these commitments into investment-ready projects and implementation at scale. Rather than establishing a new fund, SURFF is conceived as a bridging mechanism that brings together governments, cities, financial institutions and development partners through Resilient Cities Country Platforms, a Resilient Cities Centre of Excellence and an International Resilient Cities Dialogue to strengthen project pipelines, mobilise public and private finance, build implementation capacity and foster international cooperation.

On behalf of the COP31 Presidency, **I would like to invite you to participate in SURFF**. Your cooperation would be highly appreciated as we advance our joint efforts towards COP31 and beyond.

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I look forward to working with you towards a successful COP31 in Antalya.



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