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The action of regions, sub-national governments and large metropolitan authorities is essential to tackle climate change related challenges and biodiversity loss. These challenges can no longer be addressed solely at a state level. National regulatory frameworks are not sufficient to territorialize mitigation, adaptation, and nature protection policies. Because of their proximity to their constituents, **regions, sub-national governments, and metropolitan areas can strategically identify the best ways to act as well as the related constraints. These entities develop public policies that positively change behaviour.**

Ideally positioned between populations and States, regions have an essential role to play in planning, leading, financing and monitoring actions implemented to combat climate change. At a time when the occurrence of extreme climate events is increasing, we believe that **climate change adaptation must accelerate**. Thanks to adaptation solutions based on nature (renaturation in the city) and by mobilizing unprecedented resources (green financing), we can actively contribute to the fight against climate change.

**Our skills in these areas must therefore be recognized and developed at the international level and our resources increased.**

Aware of our responsibilities, we wish to mobilize all available means to strengthen the role of major regions, provinces, and metropolitan areas in order to meet the challenges of climate change and halt the loss of biodiversity.

Based on these observations, we are committed to:

- Share and pool our expertise in public policies to combat climate change and biodiversity loss;
- Act collectively with international institutions, international donors and development agencies to improve local authorities' access to private and public funding in order to make the massive investments needed to adapt to climate change;
- Involve our international cooperation partners, from the South and the North, in this mobilization;
- Meet in Île-de-France in 2023 for a Summit of sub-national authorities on these major topics.

Signed in duplicate at Sankt Pölten, on November 29<sup>th</sup> 2022, in an English version

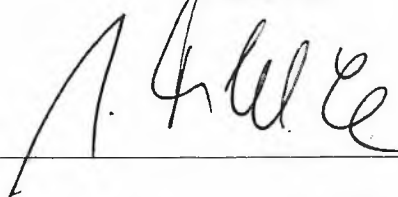
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