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New York, USA

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PrepCom III for Habitat III
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Second Session
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Final Session
QUITO on OCTOBER 16
(Back-to-back with the Habitat III Conference)
MEMBERS

UCLG - United Cities and Local Governments and its Thematic Committees

ISLGI - Local Governments for Sustainability

AMIF - International Association of Francophone Mayors

ATM - Arab Towns Organization

ICLEF - Commonwealth Local Government Forum

MECOSUR URBANOS - Network of cities of Mercosur

ngdp - Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development

METROPOLIS - Metropolitan Section of UCLG

UCLG Regions - Forum of Regions of UCLG

CEMRE - CEMRE - Council of European Municipalities and Regions

UCLG-ASIA - Asia Pacific Section of UCLG

UCLG-EURASIA - Euro-Asian Section of UCLG

UCLG-MENA - Middle East and West Asia Section of UCLG

UCLG-North - North American Section of UCLG

PLAMINA - Latin American Federation of Municipalities and Local Government Associations

ECGLA - UCLG Latin America

COF - Cities United France

FOMA - Forum of Regions of UCLG

FMDV - Global Fund for Local Development

PLATFORMA - The European Voice of Local and Regional authorities for Development

CGA - Climate Leadership Group

UCCI - Union de Ciudadanos Capitalinos Panamericanos

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