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London Mayor Sadiq Khan Elected C40 Vice Chair

Mayor Khan will represent European Mayors in Network of Megacities

London, UK (25 July 2016) – London Mayor Sadiq Khan was elected to the role of Vice Chair on the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40) Steering Committee today, the governing body that provides strategic direction for the C40 network of megacities committed to action on climate change.

Mayors serving as Vice Chairs on the Steering Committee represent the geographically diverse members of the global network and Mayor Khan will represent the Europe region alongside Copenhagen. London joins Amman, Boston, Copenhagen, Hong Kong, Jakarta, Johannesburg, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Rio de Janeiro, Seoul and Tokyo.

“On behalf of all C40 members, it is my great pleasure to welcome Mayor Khan as our newest Steering Committee member,” said C40 Chair and Rio de Janeiro Mayor Eduardo Paes. “London was the founding city of C40 and has always been a vital member of the network. Mayor Khan’s strong commitment to action on climate change and bold ambitions for London will make him an invaluable leader within C40.”

"I want my daughters and every Londoner to grow up in a city that is cleaner and greener, in which people aren’t dying because the air is so filthy," said Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan. “And I want London to be at the cutting edge of new green technologies, generating the growth and jobs of the future. My new ambitions for Energy for Londoners, and my new role as Vice Chair of the C40 will ensure that London is a beacon to the world and helps to generate the opportunities that will accelerate the pace of change to create better cities for all.”

As a Vice Chair, Mayor Khan will represent C40 in regional forums as well as on the global stage, where cities are taking on an increasingly important role in delivering ambitious action on global climate goals.

The next major convening of the C40 Steering Committee will take place at the C40 Mayors Summit, which will bring together mayors and sustainability leaders from all over the world. It will be held in Mexico City November 30 – December 2, 2016.
About the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group

The C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group connects more than 85 of the world’s greatest cities, representing 650+ million people and one quarter of the global economy. Created and led by cities, C40 is focused on tackling climate change and driving urban action that reduces greenhouse gas emissions and climate risks, while increasing the health, wellbeing and economic opportunities of urban citizens. The current chair of the C40 is Rio de Janeiro Mayor Eduardo Paes; three-term Mayor of New York City Michael R. Bloomberg serves as President of the Board. C40’s work is made possible by our three strategic funders: Bloomberg Philanthropies, Children’s Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), and Realdania. To learn more about the work of C40 and our cities, please visit www.c40.org, follow us on Twitter and Instagram @c40cities and like us on Facebook.