PRESS RELEASE

Mayors of 10 Latin American Cities Commit to Delivering their Share of the Paris Agreement

*Cities will develop Climate Action Plans that deliver on the objectives of the Paris Agreement, with support from C40 Cities and the British government*

*Pledge made at meeting of city officials in Quito, Ecuador.*

**Quito, Ecuador (29 January 2018)** — Buenos Aires; Curitiba; Guadalajara; Lima; Medellín; Mexico City; Quito; Rio de Janeiro; Salvador & São Paulo today revealed their commitment to bold climate action and pledged to deliver on their share of the Paris Agreement. These commitments were ratified today in Quito, at the launch of the C40 Climate Action Planning Latin America Programme.

C40’s Climate Action Planning Latin America Programme provides direct support to the 10 cities in developing robust and evidence-based long-term climate action plans that align with the ambitious objectives of the Paris Agreement. The support will include a dedicated city advisor based in each city, a series of tailored workshops and trainings, and access to expert technical advice as needed.

These 10 Latin American cities will take transformational actions to tackle climate change by reducing emissions from transportation, buildings, energy production and waste management while strengthening the ability to deal with the impacts of climate change through adaptation. The Programme will support these cities in strengthening the technical expertise to prepare and implement inclusive and evidence-based plans.

Climate action planning is an opportunity for cities to assume their role as key actors in building sustainable development, since climate action plans will provide people with higher living standards, improved public and environmental health, secured ecosystem services, as well as contribute to national climate objectives.

The launch event marked the first day of the C40 Regional Academy and was attended by the Mayor of Quito, Mauricio Rodas, senior city representatives of the participating cities and C40 Cities.

“Climate change is a global challenge and requires bold action. Quito has developed integrated policies to achieve resilient and low carbon development, and we are currently updating the Climate Action Plan 2050. We are honoured to lead and continue this work, and together with other Latin American cities and C40’s support, share our experiences to ensure we meet our commitments, as well as we set and implement more ambitious goals by 2050.” Mauricio Rodas, Mayor of Quito.
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“Cities in Latin America are some of the fastest growing anywhere in the world,” said Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris & Chair of C40. “The commitment of these ten mayors to bold climate leadership will deliver a sustainable future for these dynamic, and outward looking cities. It once again proves that cities are getting the job done and concretely delivering on the Paris Agreement to secure the future that we want, the future we can trust.”

To learn more about C40’s Climate Action Planning Programme and its resources, visit www.resourcecentre.c40.org

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About C40 Cities:
Around the world, C40 Cities connects 94 of the world’s greatest cities to take bold climate action, leading the way towards a healthier and more sustainable future. Representing 700+ million citizens and one quarter of the global economy, mayors of the C40 cities are committed to delivering on the most ambitious goals of the Paris Agreement at the local level, as well as to cleaning the air we breathe. The current chair of C40 is Mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo; and 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.

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