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Dear Mr. Jani Moliis,

The Urban20 Executive Team is pleased to invite Helsinki to solidify its engagement in the U20 by becoming a *participating city*.

At the start of the U20 in 2018, a group of cities was invited to be permanently involved in the U20 as 'participating cities'. These were mostly capital cities from G20 countries. Each year, the U20 Chair also had to opportunity to invite 'observer cities' to follow the process of the cycle as a guest, as stipulated in the Urban20 guiding principles.

Helsinki has been invited to several cycles as observer city and has always actively participated in the process and committed to the messages advocated. To recognize your important contribution, we would like to invite Helsinki, and a small group of other cities, to become a permanent member of the U20 and join us as participating city from 2021 onwards.

Becoming a participating city would mean:

- Being part of the deliberations around the U20 Communiqué.
- Making binding comments to the U20 Communiqué.
- Being invited to the Sherpa meetings and the U20 Summit.

As participating city, you will be included in the communications in relation to the upcoming Sherpa meeting of the 2021 cycle.

We hope to welcome Helsinki as U20 participating city and we'd be happy to answer any questions you might have in relation to the roles and responsibilities associated to participating in the Urban20 initiative. Your engagement will be very valuable in the advancement of U20 agenda, to foster ambitious and equitable climate action and deliver a green and just recovery from COVID-19.

With kind regards,

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