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To: Member States
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From: Eugenie L. Birch, Lawrence C. Nussdorf Professor of Urban Research
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Bert Smolders was authorized to speak on behalf of the University of Pennsylvania.
Here is his statement:

Madam Chair

My name is Bert Smolders. I am speaking on behalf of the University of Pennsylvania, an urban university founded in the 18th century. Academic institutions with their strong research and instructional capacities have much to contribute to the New Urban Agenda. The University of Pennsylvania with its internationally renowned Institute for Urban Research pledges to support the Habitat III processes.

We are eager and enthusiastic members of the World Urban Campaign and give our full support to the General Assembly of Partners.

Thank you

