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Subject: Position of local authorities on the revised draft Outcome Document for the
Third International Conference on Financing for Development

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I would also like to inform you that, in the wake of the Special Event we organized in New York on April 10, 2015, we are currently putting together a delegation of mayors

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able to count on your support to **include representatives of local authorities in the Multi-stakeholder Round Tables**, side by side with civil society and the business sector. We will submit two side events organized by the global organizations of local

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4. Despite the significant gains made, in particular in least developed countries (LDCs), still face considerable challenges and some have fallen behind. Inequalities within many countries have

The urban potential for social, economic, and environmental development is insufficiently exploited and investment deficiencies are substantial.

13. **Establishing a new platform to bridge the infrastructure gap:** Investing in sustainable and resilient infrastructure inclusive and sustainable industrialization and innovation is a pre-

Part of these investments should be directed to growing urban areas, particularly in developing countries, where most of the 1,2 billion urban population growth is going to take place in the coming fifteen years. Cities are both the main engines of economic growth and development

and home to extreme deprivation and environmental degradation. An immediate, concrete and direct response is needed to the one billion people living in urban slums.

and sustainable cities

31. We further acknowledge that in many countries, responsibilities for revenues, expenditures and investments in sustainable development are being devolved to the sub-national level and

promote an enabling legal and institutional environment and

