

Place, day of month 2010

Mr./Ms.

Title

Department

Country

Subject : Amendments to the September Summit Outcome currently under negotiation, proposed by Local and Regional Authorities

Dear Minister/ Secretary of State/ other title,

I write to you as a member of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), following the publication of the MDG Summit Outcome document, which is currently under negotiation in New York in advance of the September Millennium Development Goals Progress Review Summit, at the 65th UN General Assembly.

The Millennium Development Goals Progress Review Summit aims to focus on the progress made and to galvanize a global re-mobilization. In order for this re-mobilization to be effective, UCLG, the world association of local and regional governments, has long advocated for the recognition of the role of local governments in the drive to attain the MDGs.

Despite their clear relevance to the majority of the actions recommended by the MDG Summit Outcome document; on education; poverty reduction; job creation and sustainable development; culture; social inclusion; sanitation; good governance and ownership; local authorities barely feature in the text.

Local governments should be recognized both as key and as accelerators; the provision of basic services, which local governments are best placed to carry out, represents 80% of the MDGs. The generalization of good local governance will be central to the widespread attainment of the MDGs.

Attached to this letter, please find a one-page set of proposed amendments to the Summit Outcome document, taking into account the decisive role that local and regional governments stand to play in the acceleration and attainment of the MDGs; particularly in the areas of governance and ownership.

I request that, during the negotiations on this text, the proposed amendments be granted serious attention by the parties and included in the final text.

I hope to count with your support to ensure genuine recognition and engagement of local authorities in actions for the attainment of the international agenda. You can count on our commitment to support you and the international community to meet the goals.

Yours sincerely,

Name

Model