



## **WMC Chair Position Acceptance Speech**

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Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

The World Mayors Council is the first international organization I joined since I took office as the Mayor of Seoul last year. It's a great honor to be elected as the WMC chair for me personally and also for my city of Seoul. I am truly honored and feel a strong sense of responsibility at the same time.

I believe that thanks to the outstanding leadership of my predecessor Mr. Marcelo Ebrard, and thanks to the active participation and strong support of ICLEI president David Cadman, Secretary General Konrad Otto-Zimmermann and many WMC members, the WMC has made many significant achievements, including the Mexico City Pact.

I would like to build upon the achievement of former chair Marcelo Ebrard and fulfill my responsibility to help advance local sustainability in close cooperation with the ICLEI, the secretariat of the WMC, and in reflection of sincere advice from all of you and the former chair.

No citizen of the global village is free from the damage that climate change and environmental destruction cause. For the harmony between human settlements and nature, for the symbiosis of all groups of citizens, and for the happiness of both current and future generations, I urge cities around the world to come together to find solutions. Fellow members, I count on your support and valuable pieces of advice going forward. Thank you very much.