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UN-ISDR Participant City

Dear Sir/Madam,

your campaign Making Cities Resilient : "My city is getting ready" has aroused extreme interest in the city government that I represent. The town of Savona has experienced several catastrophic events over the years, especially linked to floods, which have resulted in great damages for the local economy and even victims.

I think building a partnership among cities in the world that experience similar problems of exposure to risk, advocated by your campaign, is of fundamental importance. Sharing knowledge, policies and best practices will speed up the process of reducing the risk exposure of citizens.

Is for this reason that, in my role as Mayor of Savona, I am pleased to propose Savona as "Participant City" in your, and our, campaign to make cities resilient to hazards.

The principal area of action in which we want to improve and learn from other cities, and also share our problems, ideas and experience is preventing floods and forest fires.

In order to reduce the flood and fire risk exposure the city administration, in collaboration with regional and national administrations, has developed the Council civil defense plan, defining actions to prevent and manage environmental emergencies and restore pre-existing conditions. The plan includes all council areas who are constantly taking part in every action during the year. Furthermore, our municipality has hosted and promoted the Plinius Conference on Mediterranean Storms, a conference that covered a wide range of topics related to extreme events in the Mediterranean.

Our City hosts, in the University Campus, CIMA Research Foundation - International Centre on Environmental Monitoring. The aim of CIMA Foundation is to advance science and engineering in environmentally related fields, focusing on public health and safety and civil protection. This aim is accomplished through scientific research, technology transfer and high level training services.

This administration intends to actively involve CIMA Research Foundation in the campaign-related activities. With the help of such an important and expert partner, the participation of my city will be more effective and well felt from my citizens.

Yours sincerely, Mayor

Federico Berruti
