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Dear Sir/Madam,

your campaign *Making Cities Resilient: "My city is getting ready"* seeks to raise awareness and effect change by building multi-stakeholder partnerships addressing mayors and local governments for their close proximity to the citizen.

A city that a) has achieved considerable progress in disaster reduction efforts through a process of participation of its citizens and b) is willing and able to share this experience in order for others to learn from it represents an ideal role-model city for this campaign.

In my role as the Deputy of the Governor of the state government of Tyrol, I am pleased to nominate the city of Lienz as role-model city fulfilling the above objectives. The work initiated and coordinated by the Environment Department of the city of Lienz has not only taken risk reduction far beyond the levels of a well functioning national emergency response system, but has notably done so through participatory action and community work among its citizens. I feel that it is this grass-roots approach in particular that can serve as an ideal learning example to be replicated in cities around the world.

The state of Tyrol follows an innovative approach to risk analysis and disaster preparedness for all of its 279 municipalities. Between 2010 and 2013 each municipality will hold expert led workshops in order to prepare a comprehensive risk portfolio following a standardised methodology. In this context Lienz certainly serves as an example for disaster preparedness in the state of Tyrol and the award winning

Environment Department has shown on numerous occasions to be able to function as role model and multiplier of its own experience.

Furthermore the government of Tyrol pledges its support in sharing the experience of Lienz with other municipalities around the world. We will assist in the organisation of appropriate workshops, exchange programs, media events and would for this purpose envisage the making of a short film about disaster reduction in Lienz.

Yours sincerely,



Deputy of the Governor