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To the Organizers of the 'Resilient Cities Campaign' of UNISDR,

This is to notify that Prof. Dr. Mustafa Akaydin, the Mayor of Metropolitan City of Antalya, Turkey, is willing to participate in the Resilient Cities Campaign as organized and run by UNISDR. This commitment rests not only on our familiarity with the themes and principles promoted by the campaign, but also on our concerns grown over decades and shared by my administration, many of our partners and stakeholders, and people of Antalya in general.

Antalya located in the Mediterranean shores in a significant natural and historical setting is a global actor already with its one million residents, hosting and annual eight-fold number of visitors from all countries in the world. Being privileged is also an additional concern on our environmental carrying capacities. Earthquakes, storms, floods and extreme dry periods with forest fires owing to global warming are the prominent natural threats in Antalya.

Further to natural hazards are the human-made problems on the sustainability of life-standards and ecological systems. The ever rent-seeking development pressures of the city eating away our precious agricultural land at peripheries, and tendencies of destiny increases distorting central areas are the prominent forces that need be monitored are further issues. In addition, the great number of intrusions by the central authority decisions allowing special zones for several purposes carving out our areas of discretion is a different type of difficulty in maintaining control over the totality of the natural and economic system in Antalya.

Antalya has a long history in its experiences of city planning. The first plan was prepared by G. Scarpa in 1920. This was followed by the 1955 plan indicating a population of 35.000. This was soon to be complemented by a competition led by P. Bonatz and Piccinati. Local plan-making practice was then experienced as in 1974 plans. These were soon to be coordinated in a master plan of 1979. Today, the city has its own team for planning and administration for the metropolitan area.

We are aware that we have to improve our methods and areas of community participation, risk communication, means of generating new financial resources and using them more efficiently, devising tools of DRR in the city itself, strengthening our response capacities, widening the scope of our disaster and climate-change training and learning efforts, and revising our regulatory tools further to reduce risks.

In our aspiration of achieving such ambitious targets we tend to rely not only on our own resources but also on our partners from academia and scientific circles, industry and business,



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and the media. Improving our network of community representation and participation is again one of the most challenging issues in our program of risk management.

Here with this letter of intent, we would like to submit a brief note containing further information on our city region.

Yours Sincerely,

Prof.Dr. Mustafa AKAYDIN
The Mayor Of Antalya Metropolitan Municipality