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Mayor Matt Brown
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Dear Mayor,

I am pleased to share with you a new publication entitled *Creating Inclusive and Equitable Cities*, prepared by the Canadian Commission for UNESCO with Dr. Meghan Brooks in collaboration with UNESCO (Secretariat of the International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities).

The report, launched at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) last month, provides practical information to support the work of municipalities and their partners in strengthening their local initiatives and policies against racism and discrimination. It includes:

- ***The role of municipal actors*** with regard to inclusion.
- ***Canada's contributions*** to the United Nations' 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development. Agenda 2030 identifies "Sustainable Cities and Communities" as a key Sustainable Development Goal in the fight to end inequality and poverty.
- ***Successful strategies*** used by the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination.
- ***Municipal challenges*** in creating and maintaining social inclusion initiatives (i.e. how to avoid barriers that hamper cities' progress).
- ***Key recommendations*** for municipal governments to consider and implement in their work as inclusive and equitable cities.

The variety of information in the report makes it an invaluable resource for all stakeholders involved in the development of inclusive communities, and in the implementation of city-level initiatives that contribute to advancing Agenda 2030 goals in Canada. Electronic copies of the report can be downloaded free of charge at www.unesco.ca.

We hope that you will find this publication useful and encourage you to share it with your partners.

Yours sincerely,

Sébastien Goupil
Secretary-General

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