FRENTE NACIONAL DE PREFEITAS E PREFEITOS

LETTER OF COMMITMENT FROM THE NATIONAL FRONT OF MAYORS (FNP) WITH THE COALITION FOR HIGH-AMBITION MULTI-LEVEL PARTNERSHIPS (CHAMP)

We, from the National Front of Mayors (FNP) – the only Brazilian municipalist entity directed exclusively by mayors in office, and which brings together the capitals and municipalities with more than 80 thousand inhabitants, and which represents 61% of the population and 74% of the national Gross Domestic Product (GDP), and considering:

the urgency of the climate crisis and the need for immediate and effective actions to mitigate its increasingly frequent, intense and destructive impacts, to promote the adaptation of our cities.

the essential role that cities play in implementing climate policies and promoting sustainable practices, with municipalities being the first to address and respond to environmental challenges.

the strategic importance of coordinated and effective climate action at all levels of government and the need for multi-level governance to ensure the effectiveness and integration of climate policies.

whereas effective climate governance requires the active and committed participation of local governments, which are closest to the realities and needs of the population.

the international commitments assumed by Brazil, and the importance of aligning local actions to maximize the positive impact of climate policies.

the importance of implementing, reducing bureaucracy and democratizing the climate finance agenda.

whereas Brazil, in 2025, in Belém/PA, will host COP 30.

and recognizing the Coalition for High-Ambition Multi-Level Partnerships (CHAMP) as a strategic initiative to achieve climate goals and promote sustainable development that benefits all cities.

and recognizing the establishment of spaces for federative dialogue to strengthen the debate on multilevel governance on climate issues, such as the Federation Council – based on Technical Chamber 2 – and the Interministerial Committee on Climate Change – through Decree 12.040/24, which establishes an Interfederative Articulation Chamber.

We request and reiterate:

I. Agility in the structuring of Multilevel Climate Governance in Brazil

Multi-level climate governance is essential to ensure the coordination and integration of climate actions between different levels of government. We recognize the urgency of establishing robust and agile mechanisms that facilitate collaboration between the federal, state, and municipal levels. A clear definition of roles and responsibilities and the proper allocation of resources are essential steps to ensure that climate policies are effective and comprehensive. Given the seriousness and urgency of the climate crisis, it is essential to prioritize the structuring and implementation of multilevel climate governance, promoting the articulation and synergy necessary to address environmental challenges in a coordinated and efficient manner, highlighting the importance of strengthening the Federation Council, which has the prerogative to lead and monitor the political agreement on this issue.

II. FNP's commitment to the Climate Agenda

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The mayors of the FNP reaffirm their commitment to work together with the State and Federal Governments in the execution and implementation of the climate commitments assumed by Brazil at the international level. We are willing to actively collaborate in the adoption of policies and actions that promote sustainability, resilience and inclusion in our cities. We are ready to share our local experiences, resources and technical capabilities, contributing to the achievement of national and global climate goals. Our commitment is to promote cities that are more sustainable, inclusive, resilient, and aligned with climate goals, working in partnerships to ensure a sustainable and secure future for generations to come.

We reaffirm our willingness to collaborate closely with the State and Federal Governments, seeking the essential integration of efforts and the effectiveness of climate actions. We are convinced that strengthening multilevel governance will be key to advancing the country's climate ambition.

São Paulo, June 2024.

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