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Founding Statement of the Mexico City Alliance for Climate Action (ACA-CDMX)

According to the World Economic Forum, climate change represents one of the greatest global risks for the next decade because of the extent of its impacts and the large-scale collective action required to address it.

While it is true that the Paris Agreement suggests the humankind can effectively meet the challenge of the climate crisis, the commitments of national governments, including Mexico's, are not enough. The gap between the current targets and what might be needed to limit the global average temperature increase to 1.5°C, as well as to develop the necessary capacities to adapt to the already irreversible impacts of this phenomenon, is still wide.

Our country has great potential to move towards a low-emission and resilient to climate change economy. Still, it requires considerable transformations in the energy, transport, industry, waste and soil use sectors, as well as better risk management prioritizing prevention.

For ten years, a national climate change policy has been developed, laying the groundwork for this transformation. Still, more than ever, we need to align sub-national agendas, and to work and partner with other stakeholders.

Such is the case of Mexico City, which needs public policies and legal and scientific/technical instruments to address the causes and effects of climate change. These are intrinsically related to other environmental and social problems such as water management and access, air pollution and its effects on human health, urban waste management, urban sprawl, mobility, energy transition, loss of biodiversity, among others.

Seeking to contribute to addressing climate change from the local agenda, the Mexico City Alliance for Climate Action (ACA-CDMX) aims to tap into climate change mitigation and adaptation. This includes a climate diagnosis, a roadmap, suggestions and concrete actions to improve the quality of life of citizens in the short and medium-term, as well as the positioning of the climate crisis agenda at the local level.

The Alliance includes government representatives from Mexico City and the municipalities, the private sector, academia and civil society. It will be part of a strategic alliance at the national and international levels supported by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

To this end, we, the signing members of this Alliance, pledge to:

- To contribute to the fulfilment and implementation of the **Mexico City Climate Action Plan**, which responds to the path to 1.5 Degrees and the **Sustainable Development Goals of Agenda 2030**.
- Create **synergies** that allow us to implement substantial collaborative mitigation and adaptation actions quickly. (Acceleration of energy transition actions in Mexico City).
- Help **economic recovery** to address the climate crisis.
- To **harmonise** our institutions, companies or development areas by implementing climate actions in our day-to-day operations and activities.
- Spread information that contributes to strengthening the environmental and **climate action culture, maintaining gender and human rights perspectives**.
- Establish a joint front with the Federal Government to explore opportunities to meet and implement the current **Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)**. Review those commitments in a timely and transparent manner, increasing the level of ambition for the 1.5° trajectory.
- Set **evidence-based** goals to guide our **individual and collective actions** to contribute to the fulfilment of the Paris Agreement, based on local knowledge and **transparency**, highlighting the costs of inaction.
- Make sustained and permanent efforts to **involve more actors** in ACA - CDMX, strengthening our outreach and internal capacities.
- Enhance the **resilience** capacity of Mexico City and reduce vulnerabilities (water supply, heatwaves, loss of biodiversity, vectors, health).
- Contribute to the **protection, restoration and improvement of conservation soil** conditions and **protected areas**.



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(Names and logos of all signatory organisations, institutions will be added)