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Making Cities Resilient

Lienz, November 9th 2010

RE.: Dear Madams/Sirs,

As Mayor of the Tyrolean city Lienz I am pleased to facilitate the active participation of our community in the UN-ISDR campaign "Making Cities Resilient". Being located in the heart of the Alps, our community, like many others, has been exposed to an imminent threat of natural hazards (floods, snow and rock avalanches, mud slides, extreme weather events) for centuries. With ever denser build-up of the scarce space that lends itself for settlement and with the accumulation of values that comes along, but particularly with the predicted impacts of climate change, disaster risk management has never been more important than today.

The community of Lienz was forced to witness some major disasters in the past and I am proud to say that we have learned our lesson. We do take our exposure to natural hazards very serious and thus an integrative disaster risk management approach has been taken and is practiced for several years now. I believe that our approach to disaster risk management can serve as a model for many communities in similar situation and I am pleased to pledge my support for this campaign. I would be happy to discuss how our community can support the "Making Cities Resilient" campaign further and how we can share our experience.

With the best wishes,

Mayor of Lienz,
Dr. Johannes Hibler