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Building Cities Resilience to Disasters in Europe: Protecting Cultural Heritage and Adapting to Climate Change **Doge's Palace, St Mark's Square** **Venice, Italy, 19-20 March 2012**

Day 1, 19 March

08:45-09:15 Welcome and registration

Introductions: Pierpaolo Campostrini

09:15-10:00 Opening session
Giorgio Orsoni, Mayor of Venice
Margareta Wahlström, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
Franco Gabrielli, Head, Italian Civil Protection
Antonio Navarra, Director of the Euro-Mediterranean Centre for Climate Change, Representing the Italian Minister for Environment and Protection of Land and Sea

10:00-10:30 Making Cities Resilient Campaign signing ceremony and photo opportunity

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

Cultural Heritage and Disaster Risk Reduction

Chair: Mustafa Erdik, Director, Bogazici University, Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute, Turkey

11:00-12:00 Cultural Heritage and disasters: dealing with the risks, *Giovanni Boccardi*, Focal Point, Sustainable Development, Disaster Risks and Capacity-Building, UNESCO World Heritage Centre

The experience of Byblos, *Tony Sfeir*, Senior Member of Byblos' City Council, and *Martine Francis-Allouche*, Marine Archaeologist Advisor in Marine & Coastal Archaeology, Lebanon

The City of Venice: climate risk management at the local level and protection of Venice's cultural heritage, *Pierpaolo Campostrini*, Director of Consortium for Coordination of Research Activities Concerning the Venice Lagoon System (CORILA) and Making Cities Resilient Campaign

Protecting cultural heritage from disasters *Dr. Andro Vlahušić*, Mayor, City of Dubrovnik

12:00-13:00 Roundtable questions and answers

13:00-14:00 Lunch

Cities Resilience to Disasters in a Changing Climate

Chair: Rosario Bento País, Head, Adaptation Unit, Directorate General for Climate Action, European Commission

14:00-15:00 Climate change, extreme events and coastal zones protection, *Carlo Carraro*, Vice President, IPCC WG III and President, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

Managing risks and increasing resilience in London, *Alex Nickson*, Strategy Manager for Climate Change Adaptation and Water, Greater London Authority, and *Dave Wardle*, Project Executive, UK Environment Agency

Nice, “Intelligent City” serving resilience, *Benoit Kandel*, Deputy Mayor, City of Nice

15:00-15:45 Roundtable questions and answers

15:45-16:15 Coffee Break

City to City exchanges: the value of sharing experiences

Chair: Paola Albrito, Regional Coordinator, Europe, UNISDR

16:15-17:00 From national to regional level, the EC actions on prevention: *Ian Clark*, Directorate General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO)

National support and cities exchanges, *Mette Lindahl Olsson*, Head of Natural Hazards and Critical Infrastructure Section, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency

The experience of climate change adaptation in the frame of ACT Life Plus Project: *Konstadinos Konstadakopoulos*, Head of Environment & Sustainable Development Dpt., City of Patras

17:00-17:45 Roundtable questions and answers

19:15 Cultural programme, Organ and voice concert, Frari’s Church (by CORILA)

Day 2, 20 March

Building Partnerships

Chair: Eladio Fernandez-Galiano, Executive Secretary, the European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement, EUR-OPA, Council of Europe

09:00-9:45 Disaster Risk Reduction in Italy: National Platform and local-level implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action, *Luca Rossi*, International Relations Department, Civil Protection Department, Italy, and *Giuseppe Guarino*, Manager of the Training and Projects, Gruppo Lucano

The role of the private sector in building resilience to disasters, *Joanna Matthys*, Managing Director, Marsh

The label “Territorial Risks management - for a resilient territory”, *Guillaume Riou*, Project Manager, Poles Risques

09:45-10:30 Roundtable questions and answers

10:30-11:00 **Adoption of the Venice Declaration and Concluding Remarks**

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-11:45 Presentation on the Experimental Electromechanical Module (MOSE) – Floods Prevention Project

11:45-14:45 Transfer to the Arsenale and visit to the MOSE work site (by Consorzio Venezia Nuova)

15:00-19:00 **Afternoon session: City to City Learning, sharing experiences for Cities Resilience (*upon invitation only*)**