INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

28 February 2023

Dear Mayors,

Thank you for your letter of 3 January 2023, informing me of the New Global Partnership of Municipalities with Nuclear Facilities, which constitutes an important platform for dialogue among municipalities hosting nuclear facilities across the world.

Nuclear energy offers many benefits and enormous potential to address climate change, energy security and other challenges. Public understanding of the benefits and challenges is crucial to advancing this technology and seizing the opportunities it offers.

The IAEA regards Stakeholder engagement throughout the nuclear fuel cycle as vitally important to its agenda. Therefore I support your initiative to work together on sharing information and the experience of municipalities hosting, or interested in hosting, nuclear facilities. I have nominated Mr Stefan Jeorg Mayer, Team Leader for Radioactive Waste Disposal (email: <u>s.j.mayer@iaea.org</u>) and Ms Irena Chatzis, Communication Officer (email: <u>i.chatzis@iaea.org</u>) to work with you.

Please feel free to contact them directly for further arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

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