



UBC Secretariat
Gdańsk, Poland

Statement of the City of Jyväskylä of the Final Report of the UBC Task Force on Development of the Organization

According to Jyväskylä's estimation the Task Force has seized upon essential issues, which are to be taken under careful study. The City of Jyväskylä agrees with the Task Force's proposals on (1) UBC Working Methods and on (2) UBC Statute, and is supporting strongly the main aim which is to develop the UBC Network to become a more active and influential actor.

(1)

Of the proposals on the UBC working methods the City of Jyväskylä wants yet to point out some items. Jyväskylä regards the following issues to be crucial: Communication manager of UBC has to be appointed according to the UBC Communication and Marketing Strategy, every UBC Commission should have a contact person among the members of the Executive Board or Presidium. Membership in commissions has to be clearer, and reporting by Commissions has to be developed according to criteria established by the Executive Board. Member cities and their representatives should encourage stronger commitment of mayors and political decision makers. Urban Forum concept should be developed.

(2)

Of the proposals on UBC Statute the City of Jyväskylä wants to underline following items. Task Force proposes that there could be three membership categories mentioned in Statute. These categories would be Member City, Associated Member City and Partner.

About the Organs of the Union, the City of Jyväskylä agrees to the seven-point proposal of the Task Force from a to g.

According to the City of Jyväskylä, one of the most important proposals of the Task Force is in the Statute Article 5/ Point 2. concerning the rotation of the President and Vice-Presidents.

The President and Vice-President can be elected for a maximum of three consecutive periods.

Sincerely,

Markku Andersson
Mayor

