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Dear Mr President, dear Members of the Executive Board,

In March 2016, Rostock was host of the UBC Conference 'The Impact of the European Refugees Crisis in the Cities of the Baltic Sea Region'. This was the prompt answer of UBC on the sudden challenge by the influx of war refugees, mainly from Syria: making visible how UBC cities are able to help and showing each other how to master difficulties.

Now time has passed by, and our first and prevailing task is the integration of a great group of people stranded in our cities for a longer time. There is no use in thinking that they should just sit and wait until the war would be over. Without losing time, they should be prepared to integrate themselves into the civil society. This means, children have to attend school, youngsters should get job education, adults need a chance to enter the labour market, and, all of them need to learn the language of their new home place and find social bindings with local people. Furthermore there is the problem of separated families who, of course, strive to reunite.

After a two-years time it seems to be reasonable to talk about how the integration of the refugees has progressed in the Baltic cities. That's why I would like to offer to host a UBC Conference on 'Integration of War Refugees in Our Civil Society – Goals, Challenges, Status, Outlook' in Rostock 12 - 14 March, 2018. The Hanseatic City of Rostock would bear half of the conference budget.

I am looking forward to your response.

With my best greetings,



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Mayor of Rostock

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