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In recognition of the importance of establishing a relationship between the governments of San Salvador, El Salvador and Washington, District of Columbia, Ernesto Luis Muyshondt García-Prieto, the Mayor of San Salvador and Muriel Bowser, Mayor of Washington DC, affirm this relationship with the signing of this agreement and declare their intention that both cities work together in the areas of economic development; youth development and public safety; environmental sustainability; culture, arts and creative economy; education and promotion of literacy; and intergovernmental information.

Each of the capital cities accepts the following:

ARTICLE 1

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Both parties will share information on trade and investment opportunities. Inquiries about this and other related information will be forwarded to the appropriate authorities in both cities.

Both parties will connect small and large companies with potential partners and customers. This will include, but is not limited to, the fields of Information Technology and Communication, Science, Finance and the promotion of Foreign Direct Investment. Both parties will provide assistance with registration, licensing, and other requirements for establishing a local business. The promotion of tourism and the issue of job creation will also be a part of this article.

ARTICLE 2

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Both parties will work together to share programs, initiatives, information and resources that are aimed at directing youth toward positive growth. Both cities will share information about agencies and other groups that deal with crime prevention and violence prevention.



ARTICLE 3

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Both parties will share information on best practices for energy conservation and pollution reduction. This information may include measures relating to transportation, construction techniques, stormwater prevention, waste management and renewable energy.

Both parties will promote collaboration and exchange ideas in the areas of environmental protection, urban green development and the green economy.

Both parties will strengthen ties and cooperation in the areas mentioned and other related areas to achieve smart, resilient, and sustainable cities.

ARTICLE 4

CULTURE, ARTS AND THE CREATIVE ECONOMY

Both parties will promote the development of programs and share experiences in the areas of culture, education, art and the creative economy. Both entities will explore ways to share the culture of each city with the other.

Both parties will encourage, in the framework of appropriate programs, the exchange of experiences and best practices relating to the protection of cultural heritage sites and historic monuments. Both parties will work with cultural organizations within their cities to foster projects in these areas.

ARTICLE 5

EDUCATION AND PROMOTION OF LITERACY

Both parties will share information and observe education practices in each country and will work together to promote youth development through education and the promotion of literacy in all ages of the population



ARTICLE 6

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION

Both parties agree that information about electronic governance; the hiring, training and evaluation of government workers, and other government practices will be exchanged. Different means to share this information will be explored.

The Management of Cooperation and International Relations of San Salvador and the Office of the Secretary of the District of Columbia will serve as the liaison departments for their respective cities, and will be responsible for coordinating the administration and implementation of this agreement.

The methods of cooperation for the programs mentioned above and the related costs will be negotiated by both parties. These could consist of the exchange of information and research; the organization of meetings, workshops, conferences, or seminars; or the possibility of exchanges of professionals.

Signed in San Salvador, El Salvador on August 13, 2018, this agreement will be valid for five years and will begin on the date of its signature. The Agreement will be re-evaluated in 2023 for its effectiveness, to change or modify goals, and to add new appropriate items. This agreement will be signed in four original copies; two in the English language and two in Spanish.

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