

## **Metropolis Board of Directors call for peace and solidarity between cities**

“Two years ago, the Metropolis Board of Directors published the Bogotá Call to Action, which contained a plea for peace at a time when many cities were facing severe destruction. Sadly, the number of cities suffering from war and violence continues to grow, particularly in Gaza, whose inhabitants are enduring unbearable violence with devastating effects on civilians, including children.

As we did in Bogotá, the members of the Board of Directors express their absolute condemnation of violence against civilians and the destruction of cities, which violate the fundamental principles of humanitarian law and human rights. We call on cities to show solidarity and continue to work together for a just and lasting peace.

We look forward to the day when Gaza and other war-torn cities once again live in peace, reclaim their place among the world’s metropolises and heal from the scars of violence. The Metropolis Board of Directors reiterates its commitment to fostering dialogue, strengthening ties between cities and demonstrating tangible solidarity - indispensable contributions by the world’s great cities to a more peaceful future”.