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## **XII Annual Meeting of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network Krakow & Katowice (Poland), 12-15 June 2018**

### **Mayors Declaration**

We, the Mayors of the UNESCO Creative Cities, gathered in Krakow and Katowice, Poland, from 12 to 15 June 2018, on the occasion of the XII<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN), affirm the strategic role of culture and creativity in building inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities.

We wish to thank UNESCO for providing member cities with the opportunity to take part in international discussions on culture and urban development and showcase their experience and innovative solutions on the international stage.

We wish a warm welcome to the 64 new cities who joined us in 2017 and welcome the expansion of the knowledge field and the improvement of the geographical balance within the Network.

We reiterate our commitment to the Network's Mission Statement and Strategic Framework, further integrating culture and creativity within initiatives, policies and projects implemented at the local level, with a view to facilitate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as the New Urban Agenda, in close partnership with UNESCO. This includes a commitment to promoting diversity, gender equality and youth empowerment.

We also reiterate our commitment towards strengthened cooperation between our member cities and consolidated institutional arrangements, with a view to further exchange good practices, as well as facilitate crossed experimentation and innovation.

Recognizing the need to ensure financial sustainability of the Network, we wish to thank UNESCO for its essential commitment towards the Network's activities and programmes. We endorse the reflection engaged by UNESCO to establish a governance mechanism for the Network, with a view to anticipate and support its future development.