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Object: Expression of interest of the AlpCity Project (Lead Partner: Regione Piemonte)

Dear Ms. Seaforth,

During the implementation of the AlpCity Project "Sustainable local development and urban regeneration of small alpine towns" (INTERREG IIIB – Alpine Space) led by Regione Piemonte (July 2004 – April 2007) an informal collaboration started between AlpCity and UN Habitat within the Work Package 9 "Best Practices and Future Scenarios".

In particular the "Best Practices and Local Leadership" Programme (herein after BLP) managed by UN Habitat since 1997 inspired the AlpCity activity regarding the selection of innovative solutions for the alpine sustainable development and represented a model for the drafting of six useful Guidelines and for the set up of the AlpCity Database. Moreover, Mr. Vincent Kitio, UN Habitat BLP Officer, participated as key-note speaker on Best Practices into the AlpCity Trans-national Scientific Conference held in Milan on June, 27th-28th 2005. In the end Mr. Jean Bakole, Officer from the UN Habitat Liaison Office with European Union and Belgium, represented his organization during the International Seminar "AlpCity towards innovation: strategic transfer and networks" held in Turin on April 3rd 2007.

Following the dialogue and the collaboration so far between Regione Piemonte (AlpCity Project) and UN-HABITAT during the mentioned period 2004/2007, this Letter conveys the intention of Regione Piemonte to continue the cooperation in the area of support to the sustainable development of small mountain human settlements. This letter is an expression of willingness and the intention to further develop the collaboration in order to continue the actions carried out during the implementation of the AlpCity Project, with an added value in terms of joint activities, strategies and partners.

Through this Letter Regione Piemonte expresses its interest to deepen the cooperation with UN Habitat; it is meant to represent a basis for a potential future Agreement of Cooperation.

This Letter is an expression of good will, and does not, at the present time, constitute a legal document.

With the hope of receiving your acceptance to cooperate I send you my best regards.

Regional Director

Dr. Giuseppe Benedetto

