



**Statement of Support for the World Wide Views on Global Warming from the Mayor of the Technical and Environmental Administration Mr. Klaus Bondam**

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As Mayor of the Technical and Environmental Administration for the City of Copenhagen, I welcome the World Wide Views on Global Warming as a needed and important supplement to COP15 held in Copenhagen 2009. The voices of the citizens from all over the world are highly relevant as a democratic base of information and inspiration for global policy-making.

50% of the world's population live in cities, however, they are responsible for 75% of the world's total CO<sub>2</sub>-emission. Cities and urban citizens are therefore essential allies in the battle against climate change globally. Copenhagen is taking this responsibility very seriously. Amongst others we are hosting the Copenhagen Climate Summit for Mayors in parallel with COP15 together with the international city organisations ICLEI and C40. The goal of the Copenhagen Climate Summit for Mayors is for cities to gain recognition by the UN for their essential role in combating climate change. The support and democratic voices from the citizens of the world are crucial in this process, and the project World Wide Views on Global Warming will help us assure this.

Global policy-making is faced with the huge diversity of cultures and contexts around the world. Climate policy is no exception from that.

We need policies that can be implemented everywhere, but in respect of the multitude of lifestyles, cultures and living conditions on our planet. Insights into the different opinions and attitudes and sometimes consensus among the citizens of the world, that the World Wide Views on Global Warming will give us, is thus an important key to the success of global climate policies.

At the City of Copenhagen we will do our best to carry the messages of the citizens around the globe to the policymakers, international city networks and urban citizens worldwide.

Sincerely yours,

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