

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COG'S CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION
WITH METROPOLITAN REGIONS IN BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), co-sponsored the first U.S. and European Conference of Metropolitan Regional Councils on April 9 – 12, 2008 in Alexandria, Virginia with the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC); and

WHEREAS, the conference focused on global climate change, specifically: the analysis and exchange of innovative climate, energy and sustainable development policies and practices between U.S. and European metropolitan regions, the promotion of climate and sustainable development research; providing policy and exchange mechanisms between U.S. and European regions; and the initiation of the first transatlantic network of metropolitan regional councils; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of COG the Board Chairman signed, at the conclusion of the event, a declaration of cooperation between metropolitan regions and areas of the United States and Europe.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

1. The Board supports continued partnership and collaboration with its regional counterparts in Europe; and
2. Staff is directed to prioritize activities for integration into the Work Program and Budget in order to advance the agreed upon goals; and
3. Staff should report back to the Board with recommendations at a future meeting or possible the COG retreat.

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Nicole Hange, Board Clerk