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Dear Mr. Petushkov,

On behalf of UN-Habitat, I would like to thank you for participation of the National Youth Council of Russia (NYCR) in this year's Global Observance of World Cities under the theme "*Changing the World: Innovations and a Better Life for Future Generations*" on 30 October 2019 in Ekaterinburg, Russia.

I would also like to thank you for your tremendous contribution in the preparation and holding of "*Generation 2030: Implementing the Urban Dimensions of SDGs*" event. I was particularly impressed to hear the NYCR's ideas on how frontier technologies can promote social inclusion in cities, especially through young people. The event was an excellent way to operationalise UN-Habitat's MoU with NYCR. Our collaboration brought together all the 17 Russian SDGs Youth Ambassadors from Barnaul, Kaliningrad, Krasnoyarsk, Moscow, Nazran, St. Petersburg, Ulyanovsk, Magas and Yaroslavl for the first time.

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**Mr. Grigory Petushkov**  
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In this regard I would like to extend my personal appreciation to the NYCR representatives **Ms. Olga Popova**, Deputy Chairperson of the NYCR, **Ms. Valeria Dubravina**, Head of International Department of the National Youth Council of Russia and **Mr. Ilya Zotov**, Advisor to the Chairperson of the NYCR as well as all the Russian SDGs Youth Ambassadors:

Mr. Vladislav Ustelemov, SDG 1 Youth Ambassador of Russia  
Mr. Ivan Demidov, SDG 2 Youth Ambassador of Russia  
Ms. Ekaterina Limaeva, SDG 3 Youth Ambassador of Russia  
Ms. Yanina Andrushkevich, SDG 4 Youth Ambassador of Russia  
Ms. Maria Gladysheva, SDG 5 Youth Ambassador of Russia  
Ms. Angelina Egorova, SDG 6 Youth Ambassador of Russia  
Mr. Petr Vesnovskiy, SDG 6 Youth Ambassador of Russia (2018)  
Ms. Arina Dulepova, SDG 7 Youth Ambassador of Russia  
Mr. Ruslan Badretdinov, SDG 8 Youth Ambassador of Russia  
Mr. Alexey Britanov, SDG 10 Youth Ambassador of Russia  
Ms. Ekaterina Novikova, SDG 11 Youth Ambassador of Russia  
Ms. Ekaterina Petrunina, SDG 12 Youth Ambassador of Russia  
Ms. Olga Prokopyeva, SDG 13 Youth Ambassador of Russia  
Ms. Maria Shishkanova, SDG 14 Youth Ambassador of Russia  
Mr. Adam Kalimatov, SDG 15 Youth Ambassador of Russia  
Ms. Natalia Chernyaeva, SDG 16 Youth Ambassador of Russia (2018)  
Ms. Lyubov Savelyeva, SDG 17 Youth Ambassador of Russia.

At UN-Habitat, we share your values for inclusivity, and understand the need for young people to play a key role in achieving sustainable development in our cities. This is why we will be launching a Flagship Programme on SDG Cities as we operationalize our new Strategic Plan 2020-2023. The aim of this new programme will be to leverage the combined efforts of the UN System towards a significant acceleration of urban SDG achievements by 2030. We hope to work with you all on this new initiative.

I also want to encourage the National Youth Council of Russia to submit your innovative proposals and ideas to UN-Habitat. We particularly look forward to work with you to publish the first State of Urban Youth in Russian Cities Report.

I reiterate our commitment to work with all of you, and to reaffirm the critical role that young people, play in implementing the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda and I look forward to meeting you at the Tenth World Urban Forum (WUF10) in Abu Dhabi.

Yours sincerely



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