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Mayor Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo  
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Dear Mayor Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo,

On behalf of WWF, it is with great pleasure that we congratulate Mexico City on your selection as the Global Winner for WWF's One Planet City Challenge 2019- 2020. With more than 250 cities joining, this was the largest OPCC to date and we highly commend your effort and selection!

The One Planet City Challenge (OPCC) aims to mobilize cities to deliver on the Paris Agreement's climate goals – in particular, efforts that align to 1.5°C of maximum global warming. The OPCC does this by inspiring local governments to develop and report their greenhouse gas inventories, as well as to share inspiring and credible commitments, plans and actions.

The admirable quality of data reporting submitted by Mexico City, via the CDP- ICLEI unified system, qualified Mexico City to advance to be reviewed among OPCC finalists. All OPCC finalists were presented to the OPCC International Jury of Experts, who met in March and April to select national winners as well as one global winner. Mexico City's performance was strong across all areas, with consistently high scores and full marks in several categories. The jury was impressed by Mexico City's performance and conveyed the following motivation:

*Mexico City's submission to WWF's One Planet City Challenge (OPCC) was extremely impressive, and one of the strongest globally. Our analysis shows that Mexico City is in compliance with the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement which confirms the city's high level of ambition, particularly in relation to its local context. The city's plans clearly align with the Paris Agreement and a 1.5°C future, showing an ambitious but credible target within the local context. Mexico City also has prioritized its actions, with strong evidence for communications and outreach. The OPCC jury noted the scale of the city's ambition, especially given the scope of the challenge the city faces, e.g. on areas like water management. Strong political commitment is evident, and Mexico City is committed to advance its climate agenda. In general, the city appears to have allocated sufficient funding for concrete actions aimed at increasing resilience and mitigating GHG emissions. Numerous and extensive consultation processes have taken place to include relevant sectors in efforts to combat climate change, and the city relies on a solid governmental structure to coordinate climate-related commitments. If Mexico City succeeds in implementing its plan, it will transform one of the world's largest and most polluted cities into a very desirable place to live.*

On behalf of WWF and the OPCC international jury, I commend your efforts and contributions for a climate wise future! As we say at WWF, *'together possible!'*

Yours sincerely,

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