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Copenhagen, December 16, 2009

COP15 President
Minister for the United Nations Climate Change Conference
Connie Hedegaard

Dear Minister,

With this letter we have the pleasure to inform that a large number of private sector, public and civil society, cultural organisations in the world have agreed to collaborate on a cultural agenda to achieve a sustainable future by 2050.

Please find attached the call to COP15 for a cultural agenda coming from the Culture|Futures conference organized 7-9 December 2009 in Copenhagen.

Culture|Futures is an initiative taken as a collaboration between Arup, the Danish Cultural Institute, the International Federation of Art Councils and Cultural Agencies (IFACCA), the European Union National Institutes of Culture (EUNIC), Asia Europe Foundation (ASEF), British Council, Goethe Institute, the Italian Cultural Institute, the Association for Performing Arts Presenters (US), European Cultural Foundation, Royal Society for the Encouragement of Art, Commerce and Manufactures (UK).

Under the heading of *Culture|Futures – the transition to an ecological age 2050* well over 100 persons from 27 countries and 5 continents met 7-9 December to discuss the cultural transformation needed to address global warming, the limited bio-capacity of the planet and the need for improving the human development index. Participants included artists, designers, architects, media as well as representatives of organisations dealing with cultural production, dissemination, communication, funding and support, intercultural dialogue, cultural planning in cities and regions and many other approaches to working with culture. The conference was also attended by UNESCO.

As you can see in the attached call, the next step will be to develop and publish a strategy in the coming months.

For your reference attached also find press release and background material for the conference, which will now be further developed.

On behalf of the organizers,

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