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Dear Participant,

At the close of the 16th session of the Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Local and Regional Government, held in Utrecht on 16 and 17 November 2009, the Utrecht Declaration on Good Local and Regional Governance in Turbulent times: the Challenge of Change, was adopted.

As a participant of the Conference on 'Innovation for good local and regional governance' held at the University of Twente on 2 and 3 April 2009, you addressed issues such as the impact of the economic downturn on local authorities, transfrontier co-operation, and steps and measures further to the Kiviniemi report, and contribute to the programme of the conference in Utrecht.

Your preparatory work has been very valuable and a number of your themes are included in the thematic declaration.

This declaration also contains the Utrecht Agenda – the implementation of which will be crucial to achieving our common goal of delivering good governance at local and regional level. The complete text of the Utrecht Declaration can be downloaded from www.minconf16.com

Yours sincerely,


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