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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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