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Dear Mr Kjartan Már Kjartansson,

I am writing to you in order to inform you about *Cities #WithRefugees*, which is an important solidarity initiative that has been launched by UNHCR together with a group of mayors around the world. The initiative intends to demonstrate the solidarity of cities with the plight of refugees and underline their commitment to provide a welcoming environment to support the inclusion of refugees in their society. Since its launch, the initiative has brought together more than 200 cities in 51 countries (see attached list).

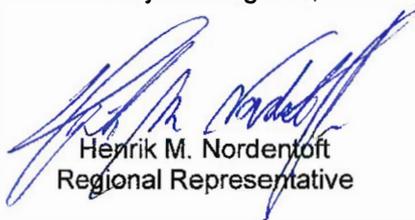
The initiative is a recognition of the very important role that cities around the world have in creating inclusive communities and promoting hope for those who have been forced to flee from their countries by providing them support and access to contribute to, and participate in, the local communities of the city.

With this letter, it is my pleasure to invite the municipality of Reykjanaesbaer to sign onto the **Cities #WithRefugees solidarity statement**, the text of which is attached to this letter. By joining the initiative, you add an important voice and expression of solidarity to the many other cities which already have signed the statement. The co-signing of the statement is simple and can be done in the online document [here](#).

The Global Refugee Forum, which will be held in Geneva on 17 and 18 December 2019, will showcase the important role of cities in the protection of refugees and recognize those who take part in the Cities #WithRefugees initiative.

I appreciate your positive consideration of this invitation and I hope that we will be able to welcome the municipality of Reykjanaesbaer into the Cities #WithRefugees network.

Very best regards,



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