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Mr. Miguel Ángel MANCERA ESPINOSA  
Mayor of Mexico City

İstanbul, 21.09.2017

Hon. Mayor, Dear Miguel Ángel Mancera Espinosa

I would like to first of all extend my most sincere greetings and regards to you and to the citizens of Mexico City.

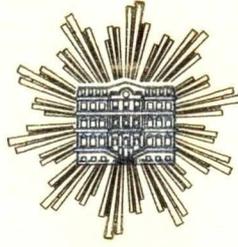
We are saddened by the earthquake that took place in Puebla State in Mexico and resulted in hundreds of loss of lives and damage on 19 September 2017. Turkish People like no other understand the aftermath of earthquakes since we have experienced it many times in Istanbul and in Turkey before. We share the grief of the Mexican people, extend our condolences to the families of those who lost their lives and wish recovery to the injured.

Availing myself of this occasion please let me extend you an invitation and give some information about the event. Beyoğlu Municipality has 19 sister cities and collaborative municipalities all over the world and over time, we have actively collaborated with all of them. Such collaboration can be traced in the large number of national and international arts and cultural events hosted by Beyoğlu Municipality during a given year.

As Beyoğlu Municipality, we will realize A Sister City Mayors' and Best Practice Sharing Forum on 26-28 October 2017, for which we will be hosting the Esteemed Mayors of our sister cities and collaborative Municipalities among us in Beyoğlu. I believe that, within this gathering's framework, we can come together and share good practice in the field of Smart Cities and e- governance services, exchange ideas, and contribute to bring our sister cities and collaborative municipalities closer together. Side meetings with cultural institutions, tourism organizations and investors from Beyoğlu will also be organized. This gathering will provide us opportunities for face to face presentations on new projects and will lay the groundwork for the projects we hope to undertake in 2018.

In parallel to this Forum we are also launching the World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization (WeGO) Mediterranean Regional Office, which our Municipality will proudly host. WeGO is an international organization, bringing together 128 municipalities and organizations worldwide focusing on best practices in e-governance, online services and online applications, with offices in major cities such as Seoul, Paris and Moscow.





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In this light, allow me to conclude my letter by expressing my sincere gratitude for your collaboration and invite you for this parallel event. I sincerely hope your schedule allows you to join us.

I am looking forward to hearing your response.

Sincerely yours,

**Ahmet Misbah DEMİRCAN**  
Mayor of Beyoğlu

