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Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to draw your attention to a German ASEM initiative which I find especially noteworthy as it involves the local level of administration:

In 2010, the Governor of Jakarta had initiated a dialogue on the municipal level under the motto "ASEM Goes Local". Already at the said conference on October 28-29, 2010 in Jakarta had the Governing Mayor of Berlin declared his willingness to host the next conference of Governors and Mayors of major ASEM cities.

The Governing Mayor of Berlin is prepared to invite the Governors and Mayors of ASEM capitals to the "2nd ASEM Meeting of Governors and Mayors" (MGM) to take place on October 18-19, 2012 in Berlin. Discussions could focus on themes agreed in the joint declaration at the Jakarta MGM: Urbanization, sustainability and climate change, good local governance.

The initiative has been presented at the last ASEM SOM on October 28, 2011 in Tokyo by the German ASEM contact point. It is my pleasure to send you a concept paper on the conference; further information will follow in due course.

I would be grateful for your support in encouraging the Mayors of the target cities in your country to attend the conference in Berlin. Berlin has a long tradition in cooperating with

Asia, especially through the networks created by the Asia Pacific weeks taking place in Berlin since 1997 on a biannual level.

I am looking forward to your comments until and at the next ASEM SOM in Copenhagen. Invitations of the Governing Mayor of Berlin to the Governors and Mayors of ASEM capitals shall afterwards be distributed through German Embassies in ASEM capitals.

While wishing you all a very happy New Year I am looking forward to a continued excellent cooperation within the ASEM family.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Nunn', written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Cyril Jean Nunn

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