THE NETWORK OF MAJOR EUROPEAN CITIES

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Dear Mr Raw,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 20 December presenting the outcome of the Council debate on Brexit.

EUROCITIES, as the network of major European cities, representing over 140 cities in Europe, is engaged to working with all cities being them part of the EU or not. EUROCITIES has committed to supporting ongoing engagement of UK cities in the network post Brexit, as it was formally declared at EUROCITIES Mayors Summit in March 2017.

The membership status of UK cities within EUROCITIES will be safeguarded after Brexit negotiations, as our network is dedicated to all cities in Europe wishing to cooperate on common priorities and shape a sustainable future for its citizens.

I invite you to contact Cllr Ian Ward, Leader of Birmingham City Council and member of EUROCITIES executive committee (Lloyd Broad, head of International and European affairs, <u>lloyd.braod@birmingham.gov.uk</u>), should you wish to receive more information about EUROCITIES cooperation with UK cities in the Brexit framework.

I am convinced that the way forward is to strengthen the cooperation between cities. And we, as city leaders, have a role to play in mobilising and proving that we can contribute to revitalising the spirit of a peaceful, undivided and democratic Europe, closer to its citizens. This is why we have launched the campaign 'Cities4Europe - Europe for citizens' (<u>http://bit.ly/2DMjFw4</u>) which I invite you to join.

your sincerely,

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