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U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS SIGNS MOU WITH INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FRANCOPHONE MAYORS

Washington, D.C. – During the International Association of Francophone Mayors (AIMF) conference that took place in New Orleans this week, U.S. Conference of Mayors CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran and New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu met with AIMF President and Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo and AIMF Executive Director Pierre Baillet to build upon their mutual desire to establish a formal collaborative relationship between the two organizations and to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU).

Based in Paris, AIMF includes member cities from Africa, Asia, Canada, Europe, and Oceania.

As AIMF is contemplating a North American network that will comprise many Canadian and U.S. cities with a Francophile historical background, the two organizations wish to formalize a level of cooperation and work toward the exchange of the following non-monetary mutual services:

- Information on all pertinent projects and events organized or supported by the two organizations
- Invitations to each organization's annual general assembly and recognition at same; and
- Encouragement of U.S. members of each organization to individually join the other organization.

In addition to meeting with Hidalgo and Baillet, Cochran and Landrieu took part in a bilateral meeting with Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre and addressed the opening plenary session of the New Orleans meeting.

"I am pleased to establish this relationship between the USCM and the AIMF. The Conference has a long history of involvement in international relations and we have to learn from each other. This is the century of cities," said USCM CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran.

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