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U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS PRESIDENT BALTIMORE MAYOR STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE APPLAUDS UNPRECEDENTED AGREEMENT AT COP 21

Washington, D.C. – The United States Conference of Mayors President Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake issued the following statement regarding the agreement reached at COP 21 in Paris:

"I applaud our national governments for reaching consensus on climate change at COP 21. Finally, our leaders have come together to acknowledge the threat that climate change presents to our safety and security, regardless of where we live. 195 nations, large and small, rich and poor, have now committed to take substantive action that will lower greenhouse emissions.

"America's mayors have called on the nations of the world to act on climate change for over a decade. Earlier this month, I led a Conference of Mayors mission to COP 21, where we joined with 1,000 mayors to urge international agreement. I am proud of what we accomplished in Paris and am honored to have taken part in this watershed moment for our planet.

"As national governments move toward implementation of this historic accord, America's mayors stand ready to do our part. In 2005, we began committing, city by city, to the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. In Paris, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of that agreement, and over 1,000 U.S. cities have joined our efforts."

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