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Dear members of the League of Historical Cities,

We, the mayors and political leaders of historical cities and regions gathered at the 16th World Conference of the Historical Cities in Bursa, Turkey in September 2018, reconfirmed our belief that Historical Cities were the common heritage of humanity, adopted the following obligations for us to pursue and issued Bursa Declaration.

1. We will enhance initiatives for restoring and preserving our rich historical heritages.
2. We will increase awareness of residents, tourists and visitors on cultural and historical values of tangible and intangible heritages in order to make our initiatives for restoration and preservation sustainable.
3. We, tied together by the very fact of being historical cities which we take pride in, pursue endeavor to constantly promote our friendship beyond national frontiers and cooperate in daily exchanges to make our pride in local communities more sustainable and strengthened, and to develop initiatives to realize world peace for all human beings.

In April 2019, Notre Dame Cathedral caught a fire. It is a very unfortunate news for us, and it is the moment for us as leaders of historical cities to show our ties again, share the merit that we have with the whole world as common property for all humanity, and prove our diversity.

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