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To all Permanent Delegates
and Observers to UNESCO

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Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to announce the launch of the 2015 call for applications for the UNESCO Creative Cities Network.

The UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) was created in 2004 to foster international cooperation with and between cities that have identified creativity as a strategic factor for sustainable urban development. The 69 cities from 32 countries that currently form this fast-growing network work together towards a common mission: placing creativity and cultural industries at the core of their development plans at the local level, and cooperate actively at the international level.

The Network covers seven creative fields: Craft and Folk Arts, Design, Film, Gastronomy, Literature, Media Arts and Music.

By joining the Network, cities commit to sharing good practices, developing partnerships, reinforcing participation on cultural life and integrating culture in sustainable development plans.

Candidate cities must submit their applications to UNESCO using the official form, which is available on our website, no later than on 15 July 2015 (midnight CET). Applications received after this deadline, incomplete and/or received in a different format will not be evaluated. More information on the 2015 call for applications, including the Designation Procedure and the Application Form, is available on our website: www.unesco.org/culture/creativecities.

The announcement of the Creative Cities designated in 2015 will be published on UNESCO's website on 11 December 2015.

Please do not hesitate to disseminate this information in your country. Naturally, we remain at your disposal should you have any further inquiries (Denise Bax, Programme Specialist; tel: 01 45 68 47 09; email: d.bax@unesco.org).

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,


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cc: National Commissions for UNESCO