A Resolution Submitted by the Communauté Métropolitaine de Québec (CMQuébec), QC

ENSURING ADEQUATE RESOURCES AND PROMOTING THE RESILIENCE OF COMMUNITIES ALONG THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER

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WHEREAS a number of communities along the St. Lawrence River are facing growing challenges in terms of coastal management, due in part to the phenomena of flooding and coastal erosion, which are having an increasing impact in the context of climate change.

AND WHEREAS the public framework relating to coastal issues is constantly evolving, adding to the challenges faced by riverside communities in dealing with these issues, whether about the lack of funding for the maintenance of certain protective structures put in place by the federal authorities or the current renewal of the regulatory framework by the Quebec government.

AND WHEREAS municipal authorities have an important role to play in addressing climate issues and the challenges of coastal management.

AND WHEREAS the resources to which municipal authorities have access in terms of funding, but also in terms of expertise and support, must be addressed.

AND WHEREAS several types of intervention are possible to improve the resilience of riverside communities to the coastal hazards that affect them, depending on the specific characteristics of the environments concerned, including the upgrading of existing infrastructure, conservation measures and the implementation of green infrastructure.

AND WHEREAS the members of the *Table de concertation régionale de Québec pour une gestion intégrée du Saint-Laurent* recognize the importance of providing regional communities with increased resources to deal with hazards resulting from climate change.

AND WHEREAS government authorities have shown a willingness to promote more resilient communities in the context of climate change, and that this willingness should be reflected in, among other things, support for communities to implement more resilient development.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative should discuss with the Quebec government the implementation of adaptation resources for municipalities so that they can respond to growing needs in terms of interventions to make their territories more resilient in a context of climate change

- These resources should take the form of programs allowing concrete interventions for the upgrading of infrastructure, for conservation measures as well as for adapted support to deal with a complex and evolving regulatory framework in waterfront areas

- The Cities Initiative should discuss with the Government of Canada ways of ensuring adequate funding for the upgrading of shoreline protection structures, which are often aging and in poor condition, as well as for other shoreline developments that could promote coastal resilience

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution will be distributed to: the environment departments of the governments of Quebec and Canada, as well as partner organizations involved in the resilience of riverside communities.