DRIVING CHANGE TOGETHER – KATOWICE PARTNERSHIP FOR E-MOBILITY

We, the representatives of countries, international organisations and institutions, cities and other subnational authorities, as well as companies and non-governmental organisations:

Recognising that climate change is one of the biggest issues we face, environmentally, economically and socially,

Stressing that in order to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement, including limiting global temperature rise to well below 2° C, transport must be decarbonised with action taken by national, regional and local government,

Concerned that air pollution from road transport also poses a real threat to public health in our towns and cities,

Underlining that the transition to a low carbon economy, in particular the development and progressive deployment of zero emission vehicles, brings real economic, health and environmental benefits for all, and better spatial planning and strategic investments with green public procurement, particularly with the expansion of low emission public and non-motorised transport networks, is an essential part of the transition,

Reaffirming that governments cannot drive this transition alone, and an integrated and truly global approach, involving national and municipal policy makers together with investors, business leaders and consumers is needed, and in that context

Acknowledging all the initiatives committed to achieving the goal of sustainable transport and development of e-mobility, inter alia:

- Paris Declaration on Electro-Mobility and Climate Change & Call to Action that, while recognising varying mandates, capabilities, and circumstances, encompasses the commitment to advance work individually as well as collectively wherever possible to increase electro-mobility to levels compatible with a less-than 2-degree pathway,
• International Zero-Emission Vehicle Alliance, launched at COP21 to facilitate collaboration to expand the global zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) market and enhance government cooperation on ZEV policies, in order to strengthen and coordinate efforts to combat air pollution, limit global climate change, and reduce oil dependence;
• Transport Decarbonisation Alliance as a unique collaboration to accelerate the worldwide transformation of the transport sector towards a net-zero emission mobility system before 2050,
• Electric Vehicles Initiative launched under the auspices of the Clean Energy Ministerial, coordinated by the International Energy Agency and aiming to accelerate the introduction and adoption of electric vehicles worldwide, including the EV 30@30 campaign to speed-up the deployment of electric vehicle sales,
• EV100 initiative bringing together global companies publicly committed to transition their fleets to electric vehicles and/or install electric vehicle charging at all relevant premises by 2030;

Endorsing concrete steps such as those enshrined in the Birmingham Declaration on Zero Emission Vehicles with the aim of making a decisive impact on road transport emissions in order to:

Accelerate the transition to low emission vehicles, by:

• Committing to a zero emission future for transport.
• Driving demand through consumer incentives and setting targets for zero emission fleets.
• Collaborating internationally to promote the deployment of ZEVs on a global scale.

Enable the growth of the market, through:

• Delivering greener public transport to improve public health.
• Building a smart infrastructure network, planning for the cities of the future today, embedding zero emission infrastructure into the fabric of our urban and rural communities, and enabling provision where consumers need it.
• Driving up air quality standards in our towns and cities.

Develop innovative technological and manufacturing advances, by:

• Supporting zero emission R&D, investing to improve and develop new zero emission technologies.
• Promoting a sustainable, circular economy to drive down emissions throughout the supply chain.
• Making zero emission vehicles greener and cleaner, and moving toward cleaner generation of hydrogen and electricity to drive down emissions over the long term.

1. Stress that the international response to climate change can benefit greatly from e-mobility actions ramped up to a global scale within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, specifically under the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action.

2. Call upon Parties and non-Party stakeholders to use the COP24 in Katowice, Poland, as a platform to promote and recognise e-mobility as an essential part of the solution to climate change.

3. Declare to work together with the aim of ensuring that e-mobility and the UNFCCC process complement and enhance each other and to share experience and expertise as we make transition towards e-mobility by encouraging and supporting capacity building and peer-to-peer cooperation.
4. Welcome the initiative of Poland to launch a dedicated framework for e-mobility partnerships between non-party actors, cities and subnational authorities, and to convene the Driving Change Together Partnership Forum under the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action.

5. Underline that a rapid and accelerating transition to clean transport is in the interests of all: for cleaner air, for innovative industry, and for a safe and stable climate.

Signatories: