

## **ECF's Stakeholder Statement - Habitat III conference – Quito, Ecuador**

*Statement by the European Cyclists' Federation, associate partner of the World Urban Campaign, representing also the global network World Cycling Alliance.*

Honourable Chair, Members of the States, Members of the Civil Society,

Thank you for giving the opportunity to the ECF, the European Cyclists' Federation, to speak in this Plenary.

I am representing also the World Cycling Alliance.

The ECF is an NGO based in Brussels representing cyclists associations and cycling organizations.

The World Cycling Alliance is a network of more than 100 civil society organizations from all continents.

Together our goal is: “More People Cycling, More Often”.

Cycling is finally well-represented in the New Urban Agenda.

Cycling is so much more than transport. It is also about social inclusion, equity, accessibility, health, the environment, economy and happiness.

Walking and Cycling provide us with the base of our mobility.

Therefore Cycling needs to be included in data collection, fiscal and financial policies and in investments into sustainable passenger and freight transport.

Cycling is a key tool in achieving the cities we need and the cities we want based on the New Urban Agenda.

Once again: Cycling is well reflected in the New Urban Agenda and for that we are very happy today.

ECF and the World Cycling Alliance are ready for the civic involvement the New Urban Agenda refers to throughout.

Today here in Quito we ask the Habitat 3 secretariat, stakeholders and global citizens

to consider the importance of cycling in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

and to work with us towards creating cycling-inclusive cities.

Thank you.