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“London and Paris. There is so much that unites our two great cities. Shared history, shared culture, shared challenges and the shared experience of being one of just a handful of truly global cities. And despite the outcome of the EU referendum, our two cities must now work more closely together than ever before in order to deliver on our shared agendas.

If the nineteenth century was defined by Empires and the twentieth century by nation-states, the twenty-first century belongs to cities. Cities are innovating and leading global action in area after area. From supporting economic growth and enterprise, to tackling air pollution, moving to clean

energy or dealing with the pressures of rapid population growth – it is cities that are leading the charge. In cities we celebrate our diversity and see our differences as a great source of strength. Our cities are places where everyone, whatever their background, can feel at home.

As the Mayors of London and Paris, we are today committing to work ever more closely together in order to build far stronger alliances between cities across Europe and around the world. Together, we can act as a powerful counterweight to the lethargy of nation states and to the influence of industrial lobbies. Together, we can and will shape the century ahead.”

A joint statement of solidarity by the Paris Mayor Ms. Anne Hidalgo and London Mayor Mr. Sadiq Kahn