



*District of Columbia  
Diplomatic Missions and International Institutions  
Environmental Performance, Climate, and  
Sustainability Pledge*



**WHEREAS**, the Government of the District of Columbia is committed to protecting public health and the natural environment in the city through numerous programs and initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Vincent C. Gray has designated advancing sustainability in the District of Columbia as a strategic priority and has established the goal of making the District of Columbia the most sustainable city in the United States; and



**WHEREAS**, the Government of the District of Columbia and the District's Diplomatic Missions and International Institutions recognize the importance of promoting sustainability practices, including increasing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gases to combat climate change; and

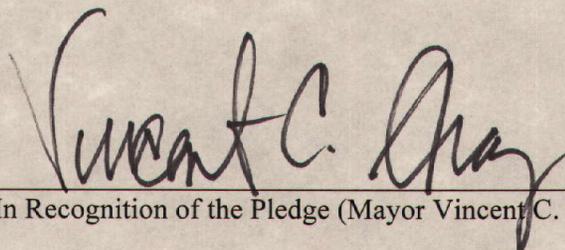
**WHEREAS**, the Diplomatic Missions and International Institutions in the District of Columbia are committed to being good stewards of the environment and recognize the opportunity to take additional meaningful and measurable steps to demonstrate environmental leadership; and



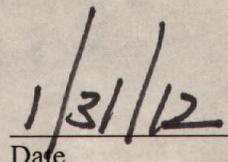
**WHEREAS**, the Diplomatic Missions and International Institutions in the District of Columbia are collectively committed to aiding the District's efforts to be the most sustainable city in the United States:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the signatory members below hereby join the District of Columbia Diplomatic Missions and International Institutions Environmental Performance, Climate, and Sustainability Pledge committing to efforts that will fulfill the goals outlined below.

*The signatories of this Pledge hereby agree to form a partnership within the DC Greening Embassies Forum between the District's Diplomatic Missions and International Institutions and the District Government to pursue and promote programs, policies and projects aimed at advancing environmental quality, economic vitality and social equity in the District of Columbia.*



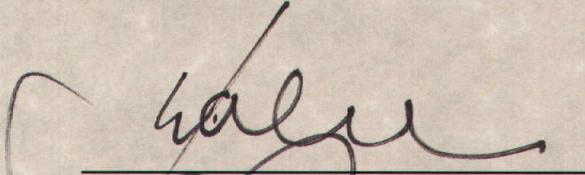
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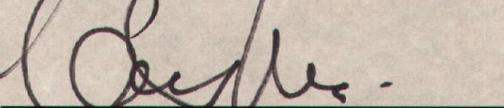


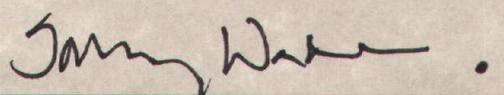
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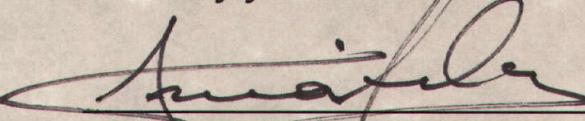


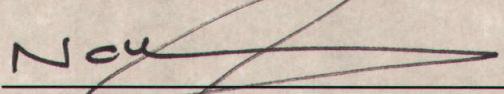
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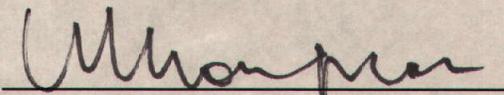
  
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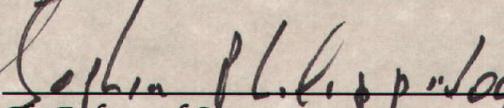
  
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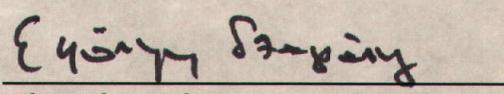
  
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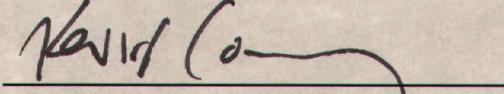
  
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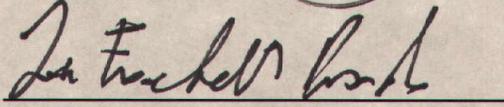
  
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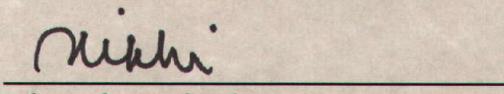
  
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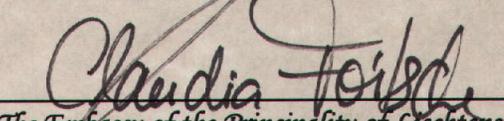
  
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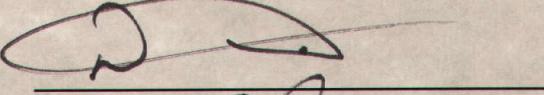
  
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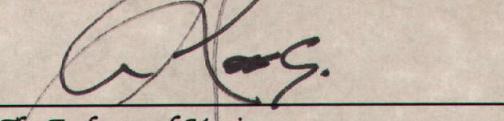
  
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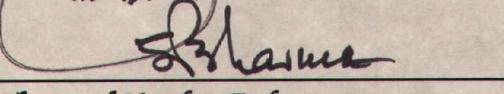
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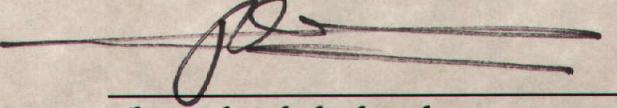
  
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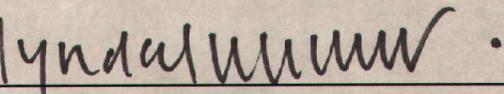
  
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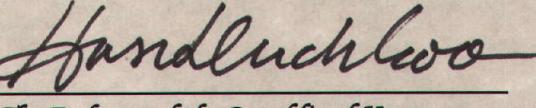
  
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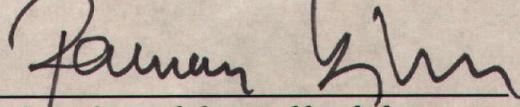
  
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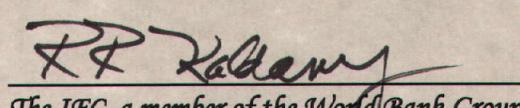
  
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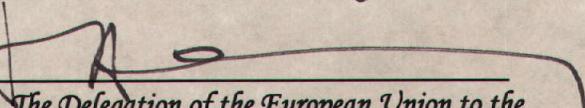
  
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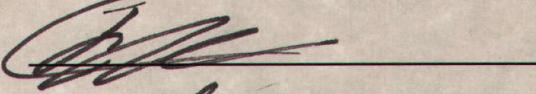
  
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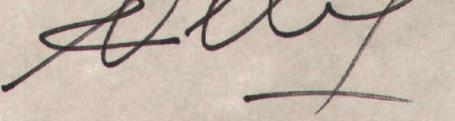
  
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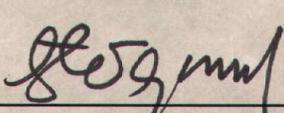
  
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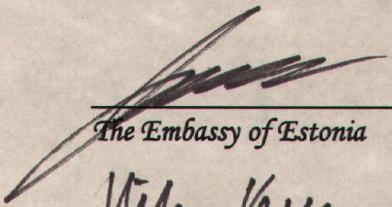


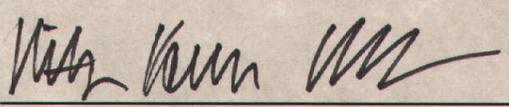
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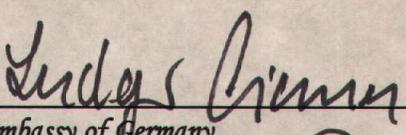
  
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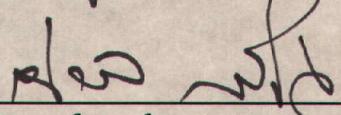
  
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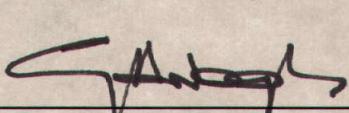
  
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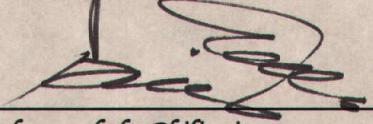
  
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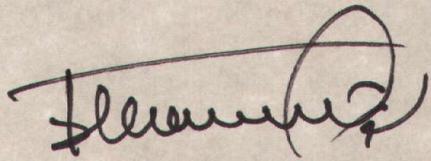
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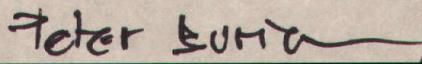
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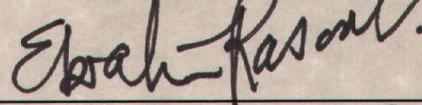
  
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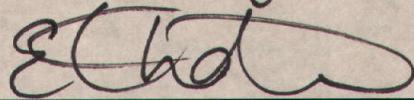
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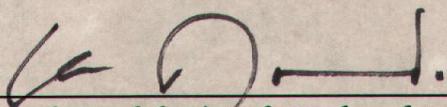
  
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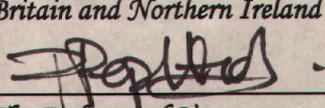
  
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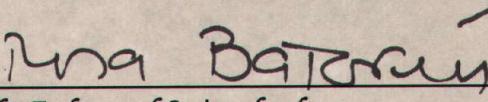
  
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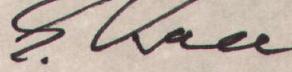
  
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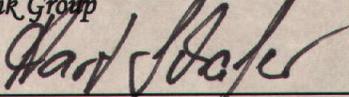
  
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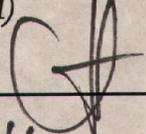
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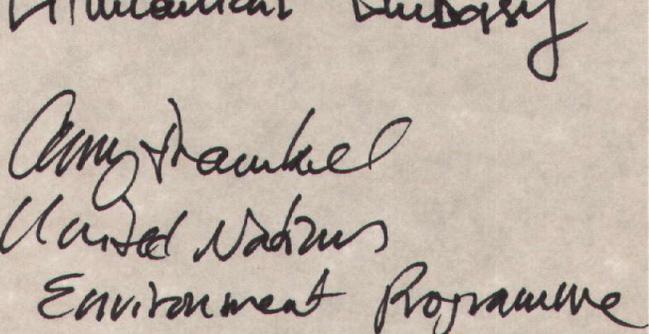
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 **Energy & Buildings**

- ☑ **Strive to have all major renovations or new construction on site include an environmental performance building standard such as Energy Star, LEED Certification, or relevant international standard**
  - ☑ **Strive to reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and cleaner energy**
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 **Transportation**

- ☑ **Encourage its local workforce to make use of the city's mass transit system, carpooling and eco-friendly modes of transportation**
  - ☑ **Strive for a more eco-friendly and fuel efficient vehicle fleet**
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 **Water Conservation**

- ☑ **Strive to reduce potable water consumption and stormwater runoff**
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 **Waste Reduction**

- ☑ **Strive to reduce landfill waste and improve landfill diversion**
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 **Eco-Purchasing**

- ☑ **Strive to have cleaning supplies, programs, and procedures that comply with relevant eco-friendly standards such as EPA-Energy Star, USDA or LEED**
  - ☑ **Strive to have ongoing consumable and durable goods purchases that comply with relevant eco-friendly standards such as EPA-Energy Star, USDA or LEED**
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 **Jobs & Community**

- ☑ **Contribute to the community of the District of Columbia by supporting forums, workshops, symposiums and other events aimed at exchanging policy, research and best practices on environmental performance, climate and sustainability**
  - ☑ **Strive to work with and contribute to the District's efforts to educate the area's youth in environmental sustainability**
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 **Training**

- ☑ **Encourage facilities management and staff to gain knowledge of best practices and environmental, building, and energy sustainability certification**
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 **Reporting & Action**

- ☑ **Contribute, when able, to periodic sustainability performance metrics for city-wide reports**
- ☑ **Contribute, when able, to the District's efforts to benchmark the energy and water performance of all major buildings within the city**
- ☑ **Establish institutional mechanism(s) for advancing and achieving the commitments in this Pledge**
- ☑ **Participate in forums and meetings to share and update progress made towards the goals outlined in this Pledge.**