Pledge Letter Template: Text in [brackets] with yellow highlight may be replaced by the city

[City logo]

Ms. Olga Algayerova

United Nations Under-Secretary-General

Executive Secretary of the UNECE

[Date and place]

Dear Ms. Algayerova,

[City] is committed to [the sustainable management of urban forests and green spaces to advance sustainable development, improve public health and wellbeing, and strengthen climate resilience].

Tree-planting is a simple, yet powerful solution that is key to unlocking climate action in our cities, as well as making them more healthy, resilient, and liveable.

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Trees in Cities Challenge is a global challenge in which mayors formally commit to plant a pre-determined number of trees in their city and to strengthen sustainable management of urban and peri-urban trees and forests. The challenge also provides an international platform for the exchange of best practices and experiences on urban forestry.

In this context, I am pleased to inform you that, as part of the Trees in Cities Challenge, [City] commits to plant [number of trees] by the end of 2024 and to strengthen sustainable management of urban forests. This includes [number of trees] planted between 23 September 2019 [or more recent date] and 31 December 2022. [City] also commits to the following sustainable urban forestry [targets and / or management practices].

a) [to be completed by the city; include as many targets/practices as relevant]

With this pledge, [City] aims to achieve the following objectives:

b) [to be completed by the city; include objectives as many as relevant]

I confirm that [City] will keep the UNECE up to date on the progress as requested, as well as provide data required for measuring the result of our pledge. I designate [Mr./Ms.][First name] [LAST NAME], [function] as the focal point for the Trees in Cities Challenge [email address, phone number], and confirm [City] will advise UNECE of any changes in the focal point in a timely manner.

I look forward to the outcome of the Challenge.

Yours sincerely,

[Name and signature of the mayor]