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David Linse

Head of Department International and European Affairs and Protocol, City of Mannheim

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Dr. Peter Kurz

Mayor of Mannheim

THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL CITY DIPLOMACY AND MULTILATERALISM

Cathryn Clüver Ashbrook

Founding Executive Director of the Future of Diplomacy Project at the Harvard Kennedy School
Executive Director of the Project on Europe and the Transatlantic Relationship

A NEW FUTURE FOR CITIES IN THE UNITED NATIONS

Natalie Samarasinghe

Deputy / Chief of Strategy, Office of the Special Adviser on the Preparations for the Commemorations of the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations

A LOOK INSIDE THE TWIN CITIES EXPERIENCES, BEST PRACTICES AND PERSPECTIVES IN THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC

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■ **Ion Ceban**

Mayor of Chişinău, Republic of Moldova

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■ **Rafał Bruski**

Mayor of Bydgoszcz, Poland

■ INEQUALITY – PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE

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■ PUBLIC SPACE & NEIGHBOURHOODS – MAKING CITIES OUR HOME

- **David Hopkins**
Deputy Leader Swansea, Great Britain

- **Marco Müller**
Mayor of Riesa, Germany

■ INTERNATIONAL CITY-TO-CITY COOPERATION – BETTER TOGETHER

- **Fred Francis**
City Councillor of Windsor, Kanada

■ GOVERNANCE & COMMUNICATION – NEW WAYS, NEW ROLES

- **Magali Turbatte**
Deputy Mayor Toulon, France
- **Reinhard Naumann**
Mayor of Berlin Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf, Germany
- **Vytautas Grubliauskas**
Mayor of Klaipėda, Lithuania
- **Haydar Ali Yıldız**
Mayor of Beyoğlu, Turkey
- **Jian Guo**
First Deputy Mayor of Zhenjiang, China

... THE JOINT DECLARATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Dr. Peter Kurz
Mayor of Mannheim

... LIVE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION ...

... SIGNING OF THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN STARTUP MANNHEIM AND
TOULON VAR TECHNOLOGIES FOR COOPERATION IN THE START-UP SECTOR

- **Dr. Claudia Rabe**
Deputy Managing Director of STARTUP MANNHEIM
- **Magali Turbatte**, Deputy Mayor Toulon, France and
Bernard Sans, President of Toulon Var Technologies

... CLOSING

Rüdiger Finke
Chairman of the Mannheim Twinning Association

Dr. Einat Kalisch-Rotem, Mayor of Haifa, Israel (tbc)
Fanli Meng, Mayor of Qingdao, China (tbc)