Rio Declaration
on Healthy and Sustainable Urban Food Policy

We, the undersigned Mayors and the representatives of the Cities, gathered together in the City of Rio de Janeiro from 29 to 31 May for the First Regional Forum of Milan Pact Cities in Latin America, with experts, researchers and representatives of institutions, companies and civil society organizations, under the inspiration of the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP);

Considering the importance of the work developed by the Milan Pact signatory cities and MUFPP Governing Bodies – Secretariat and Steering Committee – for promoting a coherent and collaborative dialogue on sustainable urban food systems for a healthy eating, in partnership with international organizations as the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, World Health Organization, UN-Habitat, Pan American Health Organization, among others;

Reaffirming the targets related to food security, improved nutrition, sustainable agriculture, well-being promotion, social, economic and political inclusion and sustainable cities established by Sustainable Development Goals 2, 3, 10 and 11, and the importance of cities and local governments to implement the global sustainability agenda regarding food systems and measure its results;

Whereas the New Urban Agenda emphasizes the commitment to ensure equitable and affordable access to sustainable basic physical and social infrastructure including safe, nutritious and adequate food on urban management and planning, addressing the adaptation and mitigation of the impacts of climate change, and the
Quito Implementation Plan lays out the promotion of equitable regional development across the urban-rural continuum;

Recalling that the Addis Ababa Action Agenda focus on, among others, smallholders and women farmers, as well as on agriculture cooperatives and farmers’ networks;

Also considering other commitments on sustainability that local governments has joint, including the Charter for the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, the Bogotá Commitment, the C40 Cities Deadline 2020 and the Urban 20 Joint Statement, led by organizations such as United Cities and Local Governments, Local Governments for Sustainability, Mercociudades, C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, and others;

Declare as follows:

1. We commit ourselves, together with all stakeholders, to develop public policies in our local governments in order to promote urban food systems that are healthy, nutritious, inclusive, resilient and sustainable, in compliance with the policies, actions and commitments established by our national governments.

2. We encourage our policy-makers to support social and solidarity economy activities, to promote networks and grassroots activities, in order to reach more equitable food systems.

3. We call for an integrated, inclusive and comprehensive urban planning that strengthens the linkage between urban, peri-urban and rural territories in terms of food production, processing, distribution and waste management, and a balanced
territorial development, including small and intermediate cities and towns.

4. We aim to establish and actively participate on the Alliance of Latin-American Signatory Cities of the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact in order to encourage efforts towards implementing an ongoing dialogue among all stakeholders.

5. We urge to work to ensure that the legacy of the First Forum of Milan Pact Cities in Latin America will give a boost to permanent cooperation between Latin-American cities, local governments and civil society organizations to achieve food security and improved nutrition and social inclusion.

6. We encourage other Latin-American Cities to sign the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact and join this Latin-American Alliance.

The undersigned mayors and representatives of the Cities, we have subscribed this Declaration: