



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD

FRIENDSHIP CITIES PROGRAM

DESIGNATION

THIS FRIENDSHIP CITIES PROGRAM DESIGNATION [Designation] is made by and between the INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD, CITY OF SAN DIEGO and (*NAME OF FRIENDSHIP CITY, COUNTRY*) for the purpose as follows:

Whereas, Friendship Cities relationships are established to foster more open communication and greater cooperation with international cities, to gain an appreciation and understanding of international cultures, and to strengthen social, cultural, educational, and economic ties through direct interaction and personal contact, for the mutual benefit of the International Affairs Board (IAB) and the Friendship Cities; and,

Whereas, the IAB and (*Friendship City*) are convinced of the importance of cooperation and collaboration in fashioning positive solutions to the challenges and opportunities facing their communities; and,

Therefore, to declare their willingness and intent to work together to develop future activities and projects that support social, cultural, educational, environmental, and economic development, the IAB and (*Friendship City*) agree to establish a Friendship Cities relationship with the aim of promoting friendly relations between the IAB and (*Friendship City*), learning from one another through information sharing, collaboration opportunities, and community-based exchange programs and activities.

The IAB and (*Friendship City*) may communicate and collaborate periodically regarding social, cultural, educational, and economic ties and opportunities of mutual interest under this Friendship Cities Program Designation. Topics of primary importance to the IAB and (*Friendship City*) may include, but are not limited to:

- Maritime, high technology, and other industries
- Research and educational exchange
- Arts and culture
- Healthcare
- Sports and recreation
- Development and the strengthening of civil society
- Tourism promotion and enhancement
- Watershed management
- Sustainment of natural areas and biodiversity
- Recycling and management of solid and liquid waste
- Clean energy
- Any other areas of mutual interest that the cities may agree upon

This Designation is entered into voluntarily and will extend for a period of five (5) years from the date of execution. However, it may be amended or extended as determined to be mutually beneficial to the IAB and (*Friendship City*). This Friendship Cities Program Designation may be unilaterally terminated by either the IAB or (*Friendship City*) when such termination is deemed to be in its best interest.

This Designation does not create any financial obligation.

This Designation, prepared in both English and (*language*), is entered into voluntarily by the designated representative of the IAB and (*Friendship City*).

On behalf of the
International Affairs Board, City of San Diego

Signature	Date
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Print Name

On behalf of the
Friendship City Name, Country

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