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My government program of the five-year period 2012-2017 is focused on the reconstruction and revival of the city, after the dramatic experience of the 2009 earthquake. I centred my government activity on the empowerment of L'Aquila citizen, who revealed a great willingness to regenerate and to participate, by the institution of neighbourhood Councils and the Urban Center.

Together with the physical reconstruction of housing, services and meeting places, the town council has started the urban, social and economic re-planning of the areas hit by the quake.

The theme of resilience is one of the fundamentals within the planning activity and in fact it is one of the strategic issues of the New City Masterplan concept paper.

We believe that, as part of the formation process of the new urban plan of the Municipality of L'Aquila, the reduction of the functional vulnerability of the urban system and the strengthening of its capacity to respond to emergencies, with particular reference to a possible earthquake, should align with the themes of the urban regeneration, the connection between the urban and the rural/natural environment, the enhancement of living conditions and urban quality, the improvement of the mobility system.

In this sense, the local government, through the definition of such a planning model, has already shown a clear interest in the definition of an overall strategy to make the city and its territory definitively overcome the shock of 2009 and deploy past experiences to evolve toward a new positive condition.

Therefore, I feel the opportunity offered by the call "100 resilient cities" is extremely interesting for our city, in order to maximize the component "resilience" in the new planning process currently under way.

I fully agree with the assessments and proposals contained in the application and I assure full support for the development of the resilience strategy, hoping that the City of L'Aquila proves winner.

Best regards.

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