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To be able to face today's and tomorrow's global challenges we need an efficient global governance system based on the principle of inclusive multilateralism. Inclusive and effective

However, LRGs have no formal standing at the UN. They can participate to UN meetings if they are invited as a guest speaker for a specific event, are accredited through a city network that has NGO ECOSOC status or are invited to join a national delegation of their State. The Global Cities Hub has encouraged States to include LRGs in their delegations, for instance to the UPR or at the Global Refugee Forum.

In order to enable sustainable engagement of LRGs and therefore achieving effective and inclusive multilateralism, the Global Cities Hub suggests two important steps:

1) establishing a specific UN status for LRGs, enabling them to take part in specific meetings on their own rights, with their own voice. States might thus reflect upon the creation of a general status for LRGs, enabling them to participate in the work of the UN on terms similar to the NGO ECOSOC status. This option would imply the adoption of a UNGA or ECOSOC resolution.

2) considering elevating the Forum of Mayors in the UN hierarchy and to consolidate and develop this Forum as the main entry point for mayors worldwide in the UN system. While the Forum of Mayors is currently a subsidiary body of the UNECE Committee on urban development, housing and land management, it could be transformed into a subsidiary body of the GA/ECOSOC and become global in nature. Currently being a platform for exchange and