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Roundtable of Mayors: Humanitarian Challenges in the Context of Urbanization  
(Geneva, Palais des Nations 8 December 2009, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.)

**Draft Annotated Agenda**

- 15:00 – 15:30            Opening remarks by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. António Guterres
- Remarks by The Mayor of Geneva, The Hon. Rémy Pagani,  
                                  Co-chair of the Roundtable
- Remarks by The Mayor of The Hague and Secretary of the Board of  
                                  The Hague Process on Refugees and Migration, The Hon. Jozias van  
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- 15:30 – 17:00            *Tour de Table*
- The *tour de table* will take the form of a free and frank exchange of  
                                  views in a plenary session.
- Mayors and networks of cities will be encouraged to describe their  
                                  own experience in meeting the needs of refugees, displaced persons,  
                                  and immigrants in urban settings. What humanitarian challenges does  
                                  this pose? How to counter intolerance and xenophobia? What kinds of  
                                  arrangements and partnerships have proved most useful? Are  
                                  sufficient resources available?
- 17:00 – 17:45            Elements for follow-up
- Mayors and municipal organizations will be invited to make  
                                  suggestions on how best to follow up the Roundtable, including in  
                                  available international forums.
- 17:45 – 18:00            Chair's Summary to be delivered by The Mayor of Geneva, The Hon.  
                                  Rémy Pagani
- Closing remarks by the United Nations High Commissioner for  
                                  Refugees, Mr. António Guterres
- 18:00 – 18:30            Transfer to the Palais Eynard for a reception offered by the Executive  
                                  Council of the City of Geneva
- 18:30 – 20:00            Reception at the Palais Eynard