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**To:** CoM Meetings

**Subject:** Agenda Item 7.1 Post travel report by Cr Oke, ICLEI related meetings, Mexico and Germany

Dear City of Melbourne Meetings Group Officers

Could you forward this to the Lord Mayor and the Councillors.

I am writing to you in regards to the Future Melbourne Committee meeting of Tuesday 21 March 2017 , and in particular in regards to -

Agenda Item 7.1 Post travel report by Cr Oke, ICLEI related meetings, Mexico and Germany

Melbourne is an international city and it is appropriate that Councillor Cathy Oke travelled to Mexico and to Bonn, Germany to participate in meetings and talks concerning protecting the biodiversity of Melbourne.

Going to Bonn also enables Cr Cathy Oke to tell the Melbourne story on how we are part of the 100 Resilient Cities and how the City of Melbourne is protecting its biodiversity .

Bonn Mayor Sridharan would have been able to tell Cr Cathy Oke in person that Bonn is Germany's United Nations city and is committed to shaping a sustainable future.

We congratulate Cr Cathy Oke for all the work she did on her overseas trip, and we know that this will benefit Melbourne in many ways.

I would like to have the opportunity to address the Committee in regards to this matter.

Best regards

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