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Statement

Hello,

My name is Yana Prokofyeva, and I lead C40 Cities' Green Shipping Corridors program.

Green Shipping Corridors are specific trade routes which bring together public and private actors to help catalyze shipping transition. They are tangible and successful examples of multi-level cross-value chain collaboration, and can serve as inspiration for climate projects all over the world.

Green Shipping Corridors offer an innovative way of addressing some of the most pressing and serious challenges that the shipping industry is facing: deployment of zero emission ships and uptake of zero emission fuels.

But beyond that, Green Shipping Corridors also allow us to test new models of collaboration and break sectoral silos. They are great examples of the shift in mindset - being collaborative, flexible, inclusive and future-oriented - that is needed to advance maritime decarbonization and the broader climate action. Because to tackle the climate crisis, we all need to act together - in the shipping sector and beyond.

C40 Cities is proud to convene 2 major Green Shipping Corridor Partnerships: Los Angeles-Long Beach-Shanghai and Los Angeles-Long Beach-Singapore. In the current context of geopolitical uncertainty, these projects demonstrate how tangible climate action continues to be advanced by ports and cities around the world. This subnational leadership also shows that local economies are ready to embrace the maritime decarbonization and take advantage of the decarbonization shift, knowing that it will bring important benefits for their communities, such as green jobs and cleaner air.

Projects like Green Shipping Corridors show that even though each region, city and port is different and requires tailored solutions to its climate problems, it's crucial for us to learn from each other and work together. C40 cities and ports continue demonstrating that joint climate action is the way forward, and we invite the rest of the world to follow their lead.