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Communiqué #1 to Montréal Design Declaration Signers and Summit Meeting Participants

From: Design Summit Meeting Steering Committee

To: Signers of the Montréal Design Declaration

SUMMARY: *The Design Summit Meeting Steering Committee has been expanded with the addition of three representatives of the Declaration signers. A new Secretariat will re-establish contact with Summit Meeting participants. A survey will be conducted amongst Signers to prioritize proposed Projects. The Steering Committee will shortly invite expressions of interest in hosting future Summit Meetings, at which additional Declarations will be adopted.*

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1. Introduction

The first **Design Summit Meeting** conducted in Montréal on 23-24 October 2017 was a historic milestone. For the first time, international organizations representing designers, architects, planners and landscape architects joined together to inaugurate a shared format, discuss common cause issues and express shared positions with a consolidated voice. They were joined by important international non-design agencies interested in collaboration to better utilize the potential of design.

The Summit Meeting concluded with the adoption of the [Montréal Design Declaration](#), signed by 22 international organizations. The Declaration Annex lists 20 projects that reflect the broad spectrum of topics discussed at the Summit. The annex also includes a list of 700 national entities from 89 countries associated with the signers, representing well over a million designers.

The Declaration mandates the **Design Summit Meeting Steering Committee** to act to ensure continuation of the process.

This first communique reports on developments.

2. Steering Committee Reconstituted

The original Design Summit Meeting Steering Committee consisted of three "International Founding Partners" (ico-D, IFHP and IFLA) and two representatives of WDSO, the local organizer of the Montréal events, one of whom served as Secretary General of the Summit Meeting.

The first iteration of the Design Summit Meeting Steering Committee officially conducted its final session the day after the Summit Meeting, on 25 October 2017, at which point the Secretary General concluded his role. The initial Summit Meeting Secretariat ceased functioning, as planned, in mid-November with circulation of the Summit Meeting minutes.

Consistent with the Summit Meeting deliberations and Declaration, and consistent with an agreement signed on 5 August 2017 with WDSO assigning ico-D, IFHP and IFLA authority to independently implement the Summit Meeting

outcomes, the three International Founding Partners of the Design Summit Meeting Steering Committee have considered how to go forward.

As a first step, in order to broaden the involvement of Declaration signers, the International Founding Partners have reconstituted the Design Summit Meeting Steering Committee by recruiting three additional members: BEDA, Cumulus and IxDA - all three of whom have been actively involved in the Summit Meeting process for a substantial period of time. This expansion is for a twelve-month period during which future mechanisms and procedures will be considered.

3. Initial decisions

The six members of the Design Summit Meeting Steering Committee recently conducted a two-day meeting which resulted in the following decisions:

- **The Steering Committee determined that future Summit Meetings and Declarations will be organized, the first to take place within 32 months and the second within 68 months. In addition, annual Pre-Summit Meetings will be considered. Formats for Expressions of Interest by potential hosts cities and events will be circulated soon.**
- The Steering Committee established initial procedures for its operation.
- A small Summit Meeting Secretariat has been formed to re-establish contact with Declaration signers and Summit Meeting participants. Jovana Milović, well known and respected by Summit Meeting participants, will serve as Secretariat Coordinator.
- A survey will soon be circulated to Declaration signers to ascertain Project priorities and willingness to take active roles in Project implementations.
- Efforts will be made to recruit additional international design and non-design entities to participate in this process.
- The Steering Committee, in the name of all Summit Meeting participants, recognizes the efforts made by WDSO and the Secretary General, and the contributions made by Montréal, Québec and Canada in supporting the 2017 events. In light of WDSO's current difficulties, the Steering Committee hopes that WDSO will be successful in its current efforts to honor all its outstanding obligations.
- Summit Meeting Participants are invited to circulate the Montréal Design Declaration by distributing this [link](#) and also to follow the [FB](#) page.
- Declaration signers are invited to review the list of entities in the Declaration Annex and submit additional names and/or corrections by March 26.
- Contact with the Steering Committee should be conducted via Jovana Milović, Secretariat Coordinator, at jmilovic@internationaldesignsummit.org

Looking forward to successful collaboration,

Design Summit Meeting Steering Committee

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