Commitment no. 1:
Assessing Racism and Discrimination and Monitoring Municipal Policies

To initiate, or develop further, in collaboration with NGOs, National Human Rights Commissions and institutions and UN systems (e.g. CERD, UN Special Rapporteurs, Human Rights Council), the collection of data on racism and discrimination, establish achievable objectives and set common indicators in order to assess the impact of municipal policies; and to act as “Clearing House” in order to contribute to the national and international reporting systems from the local viewpoint.

Examples of Action:

a) To systematize the evaluation and analysis of the data on racism and discrimination in all fields of municipal competence that is already made available by research networks, people’s organizations and other relevant institutions;

b) To establish partnerships with research entities and society networks (e.g. urban poor, unions, etc.) for the gathering of data and information on racism and discrimination in their respective areas in order to analyze regularly the data and information collected, conduct studies at the local level and develop concrete recommendations for the city authorities.

c) To define achievable objectives and apply common indicators in order to assess trends in racism and discrimination and the impact of municipal policies.

d) To set up a research council for on-going dialogue between researchers and policy makers in order to actively identify weak points in current policies and practice.