Commitment no. 2:
Providing Political Leadership at the City and Community Levels to Address Issues of Discrimination and Exclusion

To raise awareness of the existence of racism and discrimination among local policy makers and city dwellers.

Examples of Action:

a) To create, in close cooperation with respective national Human Rights Commissions, a better analytical understanding on the situation of vulnerable groups.

b) To put racism and discrimination on the agenda of the various consultation mechanisms that exist within the city (e.g. municipal councils, youth parliaments, elders councils, various committees related to the issue, appropriate representatives of different groups including ethnic minorities, women, disadvantaged persons, etc.).

c) To organize a sensitization and awareness-raising programme targeting municipal staff, police, military, parliamentarians, judges, etc., as well as civil society organizations and chiefs and village councils, as appropriate.

d) To organize an award for media working for the elimination of racism and discrimination, and awareness-raising activities through media, including school newspapers, etc.

e) To organize public events, with a range of initiatives to promote awareness and mobilization among city dwellers and policy makers (e.g. on the occasion of the 21st of March, the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination).

f) To encourage schools to integrate issues related to racism and discrimination into the curriculum in order to promote awareness within children and youth from the primary up to the secondary level.