Commitment no. 9:

Promoting Cultural Diversity

To respect the culture of diverse communities including the set of attitudes, beliefs, practices, values, shared identities, rituals, customs, etc.; to ensure fair representation and promotion of the diverse cultural expression and heritage of city dwellers in the cultural programmes, collective memory and public space of the city authority; and to promote interculturality in the community life consistent with international human rights standards.

Examples of Action:

a) To facilitate, in partnership with professionals from culturally diverse communities, the production of audiovisual materials (feature films, documentaries, programmes, etc.) that enables them to express their experience of, and aspirations for, their city; and to facilitate distribution of such materials at the local, national and international level.

b) To facilitate on a regular basis cultural projects and meeting places (e.g. events, cultural centres, schools, etc.) that represent the diversity of city dwellers (music, theatre, dance, painting, etc.) and to integrate them into official city programming.

c) To name places (streets, squares, monuments, neighbourhoods) and/or to commemorate events specifically relevant to groups suffering from discrimination in order to recognize their contributions and to integrate them into the memory and collective identity of the city.

d) To organize a series of meetings for dialogue among religious and political leaders and to bring together different ethnic groups in order to promote cultural diversity and religious tolerance.

e) To organize an intercultural exchange programme targeting youth in particular.