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**President of the Union of the Baltic Cities**  
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## Candidate application for UBC XI General Conference in 2011

Dear Sir,

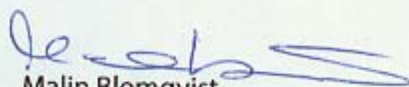
The town of Mariehamn has been a member of the Union of the Baltic Cities for several years and has actively been involved especially in the Commissions of Environment and Energy. Participation in the development of the Baltic Sea region is of crucial and of outmost interest for the town. Especially, concern of the state of the Baltic Sea is a central issue for us. Agreements and coordinated actions with other UBC-Member Cities are probably the most efficient strategies towards sustainability. One good reason for our UBC-membership is the possibility given to participate and influence, mutually, development and integration of local authorities/cities in the Baltic Sea region.

Mariehamn, the Capital of the Åland Islands, located in the middle of the Baltic Sea area, is known for its tourism as well as for its broad and skilful maritime industry, big ferries and cruise ships in the most wonderful archipelago with thousands of islands of different sizes. In 2011, when the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of UBC as a vital and active city network will take place, the UBC member cities Tallinn and Turku have been appointed EU Cultural Capitals. For the town of Mariehamn, sharing with Turku one of the world's most beautiful archipelago areas, hosting of the UBC XI Conference would be an excellent way to contribute to these milestones and to bring the UBC family close to the Cultural Capitals of the European Union.

The town of Mariehamn would appreciate to host the UBC General 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference in 2011. The Finnish UBC member cities have decided to support the candidacy of Mariehamn. The town of Mariehamn, Åland Islands is, hereby, offering to host the Union of the Baltic Cities XI General Conference in 2011.

Sincerely,

Mariehamn 12.06 2009

  
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Administrative Director

  
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