President of the Union of the Baltic Cities

## Dear Mr. Jurgutis!

The decision to hold the General Conference of UBC in an online format demonstrates that the safety and health of citizens is more important than formalities. Thank you for your kind agreement to preserve the opportunity for St. Petersburg to hold the next General Conference in person as the epidemic threat decreases.

In this regard, I ask you to include in the agenda of the upcoming UBC General Conference the issue of considering a representative of St. Petersburg as one of the candidates for the post of vice-president of the organization.

Joint work within the UBC clearly demonstrates the need for a regular exchange of views and experience between representatives of the countries of the Baltic Sea Region.

I believe that Deputy Chairman of the Committee for External Relations of St. Petersburg Vyacheslav Kalganov, whose candidacy we propose to consider for the post of Vice President, in case of his re-election, is able to make a significant contribution to the development of cooperation between member cities of the UBC.

Governor of St. Petersburg

Alexander Beglov