



COMUNE DI GENOVA



## LETTER OF INTENT

Today the City of Genoa and the City of London express their wish for a closer dialogue leading to an even more structured and coordinated collaboration between the two cities.

The City of Genoa and the City of London have strong historical ties, starting with the most obvious one being that both Cities' flags feature the distinctive cross of St. George.

The connection between the two cities is strong and fruitful. Many similarities between the two Cities exist: both Cities are Port Cities and this influenced their growth over time. The Port of Genoa and the Port of London each handle around 52 million tonnes of cargo annually. Both cities are comparable in size: the working population of the City of London is similar to the population of the City of Genoa, which is over 500,000.

The priorities on the agenda of both Cities include smarter ways of operating, a focus on environmental sustainability, a commitment to education, and the promotion of fintech – therefore many opportunities to collaborate in these areas exist.

The connection between the Cities has led to the establishment of the London-based St. George's Club in 2018 with the Mayor of Genoa, Marco Bucci being an Honorary Member. The main aim of this project was to facilitate the communications between the City of Genoa and the City of London.

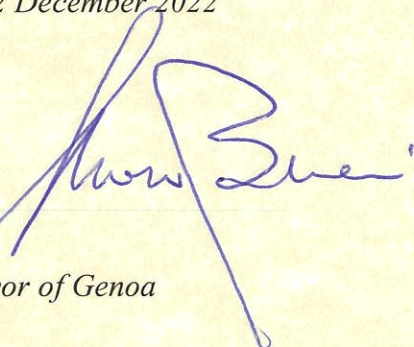


This initial meeting of acquaintance at Palazzo Tursi between the Mayor of Genoa, Marco Bucci and the Senior Alderman Below The Chair, Professor Michael Mainelli, demonstrates the willingness to expand this bilateral friendship in the following areas of mutual interest:

- Renovation of the Historical City Centre
- Cultural Heritage and Cultural Events
- Maritime Sector and Shipping
- Sport
- Marketing and Community
- Education

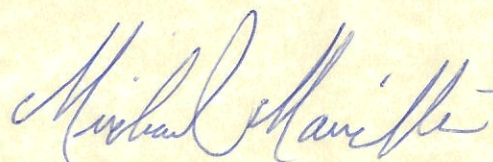
*Palazzo Doria-Tursi, Seat of the Municipality of Genoa*

*Genoa, 2 December 2022*



*The Mayor of Genoa*

*Marco Bucci*



*Senior Alderman Below The Chair*

*Professor Michael Mainelli*