

# Habitat III

## United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development

*Quito, Ecuador - October 17-20, 2016*

His Excellency, Bishop Jean Marie Roger Kozik sent two nuns to participate in the Habitat III International Conference, which was held in Quito, Ecuador, in October 2016.

During this conference on habitat and urban development, organized by the United Nations:

several major topics were discussed, such as the new urban structures, metropolitan prosperity, and the dis-favourable situation of rural areas.

The nuns participated in various roundtables on local economic development, urban culture, the protection of the environment in the cities, and other themes.

They were able to meet, among others, with the Argentinian Minister of the Interior, Lic. Rogelio Frigerio; Jonathan T. M. Reckford,



The Sisters with Lic. Rogelio Frigerio, Argentinian Minister of the Interior



With Representatives from the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

Chief Exec. Officer for Habitat for Humanity International; and Dr. Em. Han Verschure, Professor of Urban Architecture for the protection of green areas in Belgium.

The Sisters also interviewed Mr. Francesco Bandarin, Assistant to the Director General for Culture at UNESCO:

who insisted on the importance of intercultural exchange, culture in the cities, the arts and the role of Mayors, along with social relationships.

They met with various organizations and individuals, active in the field of reducing violence and promoting gender equality in the new agenda of urbanization for 2030.

Fraternite Notre Dame was glad to participate in this international conference of Habitat III,





Sister Marie of the Cross, and  
Jonathan T. M. Reckford,  
Chief Executive Officer of Habitat  
For Humanity International

**which enabled them to weave new interesting relationships with a number of persons and NGOs from various parts of the world and diverse horizons, involved in the field, whose purpose is to improve the living conditions and habitat around the world.**