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France supports the regional climate alliance Under2MoU initiated by Baden-Württemberg and California

Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding in Paris

Environment Minister Franz Untersteller: "The Under2MoU is worldwide the largest alliance for climate protection on a subnational level. And France is an important partner for us. "

The French Environment Minister Segolene Royal has signed the regional climate protection agreement Under2MoU for France. Thus France is the next leading country that explicitly supports the climate-protection targets laid down in the Under2MoU that originated in a close cooperation between of California and Baden-Württemberg.

Minister Royal signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Paris on the occasion of Baden-Württemberg's Prime Minister Winfried Kretschmann and Environment Minister Franz Untersteller's visit to France today (29.09.).

Environment Minister Franz Untersteller designated France's support as an important signal for the international climate change: "We must work together on all levels to achieve the climate targets being so important for the future of the Earth climate. To have France as a partner on the side will boost our regional climate protection efforts."

The Under2MoU was started by Baden-Württemberg and California in May 2015. Since then 135 regions, provinces, states and cities as well as supporting national states signed the Memorandum of Understanding. Core of the agree-

ment is the shared commitment to limit global warming to below 2 degrees and to reduce the average per capita CO2 emissions to less than 2 tons per year. Crucial for the success of the Under2MoU are additional arrangements for the exchange of ideas and initiatives at the regional level.

"The MoU will be a pool of ideas for climate protection and dedicated regions should act as role models," said Environment Minister Untersteller. "The more regions involved, the more climate protection can be achieved with the greatest impact: on the spot, in the regions, with the people in their daily lives. When that happens, we have a chance. "

More information about Under2MoU can be found on the homepage www.under2MOU.org and on the sides of the Environment Ministry um.baden-wuerttemberg.de