



JOINT DECLARATION OF THE CITIES OF ABERDEEN AND BARRANQUILLA

On the occasion of the State Visit of His Excellency President Juan Manuel Santos to the United Kingdom and in honour of the visit to Aberdeen of German Arce Zapata, Minister of Mines and Energy of the Republic of Colombia, the Cities of Aberdeen and Barranquilla make the following joint declaration:

- 1 This joint declaration aims to promote collaboration between the Cities of Aberdeen and Barranquilla and involve a range of public and private entities related to the energy and offshore oil and gas sector in both Cities;
- 2 Aberdeen is the recognised centre of the UK offshore oil and gas sector, having developed world-class capability during decades of efficient offshore development;
- 3 Barranquilla is leading the development of nascent Colombian offshore oil and gas sector and has the potential to become a regional hub for the industry;
- 4 Our cities are ideal partners in offshore oil and gas development, supporting Barranquilla with cutting-edge knowledge and capability and the internationalisation of Aberdeen's industry;
- 5 Aberdeen stands ready to support Barranquilla throughout the rigorous process of becoming a Global Energy Hub and in its application to join the World Energy Cities Partnership;
- 6 Barranquilla will work closely with Aberdeen's oil and gas supply chain to identify the products and services needed to make its sector a global success story; and
- 7 Both cities strongly support the Memorandum of Understanding between the UK Department of International Trade, in partnership the UK Oil and Gas Authority, and the Colombian National Hydrocarbons Agency and commit to becoming active partners and advocates for the success of this Memorandum/Declaration.

Signed

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Signed

Alejandro Char
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