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**“Meeting the Challenges of Terrorism and Crime”
October 28-29, 2003, New York City**

In recognition of the global challenge of fighting terrorism and crime, Mayor Bloomberg has asked **The Sister City Program of the City of New York** and the **New York Police Department (NYPD)** to host a Summit on **“Meeting the Challenges of Terrorism and Crime”** October 28-29, 2003. Key participants will be Police Commissioners and top law enforcement officials from New York City and her ten Sister Cities: **Beijing, Budapest, Cairo, Jerusalem, Johannesburg, London, Madrid, Rome, Santo Domingo, and Tokyo**. The Summit keynote speaker will be **New York City Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly**, whose department has offered valued, strong support to the effort. Commissioner Kelly will address Summit participants on the new challenges presented by terrorism and NYPD’s successful record in combating crime.

“At this critical time in the war on terrorism in New York City and around the world, this Summit provides an important opportunity to share information and strategies with our partners in our ten Sister Cities,” said Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. “Together, we can promote an effective global network among law enforcement agencies to prevent terrorism and crime.”

“The Department is pleased to welcome our partners from around the globe in this important mission. Together, we will defeat the threat of crime and terror all our cities face.” With the committed support of NYPD, the Summit will include in-depth security sessions with NYPD’s Counter Terrorism Bureau and Intelligence Division. The Summit will take place at various Police facilities in New York City.

Sister City President, Ambassador Nancy E. Soderberg, underscored the importance of the effort. “In this new era of fiscal restraint and new global challenges, New Yorkers recognize the need to focus on new priorities. The Sister City program is honored to join in the global fight against crime and terrorism.”

Commissioner Marjorie B. Tiven, Treasurer of the program, said, “Each of these cities is a key ally in meeting our new security challenges. This summit represents a new partnership that will benefit all the citizens of New York and our Sister Cities.”

On the first day of the Summit, there will be a formal reception at Gracie Mansion, 88th Street and East End Avenue at 6 PM with Police Commissioner Kelly, representatives of the Mayor’s Office, senior NYPD officials, the Sister City Program, the NYC Commission for the United Nations, and the Consuls General of our 10 Sister Cities. Press is invited to cover the reception.

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