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National governments show little desire to preserve climate security and lack the legitimate authority to deal effectively with climate change. City leaders must now take a more prominent political role in insisting that governments act more forcefully. They must build on their strengths to innovate and integrate and play a larger political role in meeting the climate challenge.

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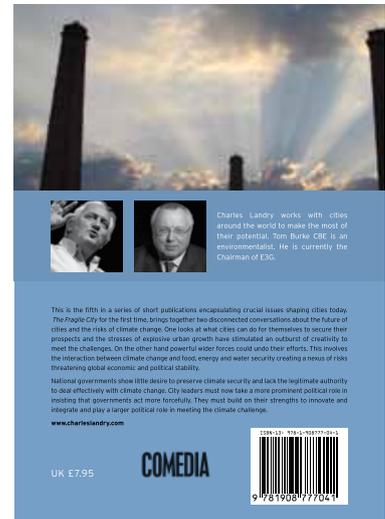
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