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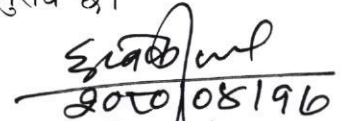
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विषय: Mayors of Peace सम्बन्धमा ।

प्रस्तुत विषयमा जापानको हिरोशिमा र नागासाकी नगरद्वारा सन् १९८२ मा प्रारम्भ गरिएको Mayors of Peace अभियानमा नेपालका महानगरपालिका, उप-महानगरपालिका र नगरपालिकाहरूको समर्थन र सहभागिताका लागि अनुरोध गरी हिरोशिमाका मेयर Mr. Matsul Kazumi ले उपलब्ध गराउनु भएका कागजातहरू यसैसाथ संलग्न रहेका छन्। व्यहोरा सोहीवाट अवगत गरी उक्त Mayors of Peace अभियानमा समर्थन र सहभागिता हुन इच्छुक महानगरपालिका, उप-महानगरपालिका र नगरपालिकाहरूलाई जानकारी एवं कार्यार्थ पठाईएको व्यहोरा आदेशानुसार अनुरोध छ।


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April 2023

Dear Fellow Mayor,

I trust this letter finds you well.

In August 1945, two atomic bombs instantly reduced the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to rubble, taking more than 210,000 precious lives by the end of the year. The *hibakusha*—those who barely survived—still suffer from the harmful aftereffects, notably of radiation. While their minds and bodies are in pain, they continue to make their appeal that “no one else should suffer as we have.”

With our *hibakusha* aging, we are determined to have their experiences and strong desire for peace shared and wholeheartedly accepted by future generations, and to have those commitments spread throughout the world. I am convinced that spreading their message will eventually lead to the realization of their most cherished will, the abolition of nuclear weapons.

In 1982, Hiroshima and Nagasaki established Mayors for Peace to achieve this goal. It is a non-partisan, global network of municipalities that is registered at the UN with ECOSOC. Since its establishment, Mayors for Peace has expanded its membership and worked in solidarity with its member cities to call for the realization of a world free from nuclear weapons and lasting world peace. Presided by the Mayor of Hiroshima and vice presided by the Mayor of Nagasaki along with 10 other mayors of cities from across the world, as of April 1st of this year, Mayors for Peace has grown to 8,247 member cities from 166 countries and regions.

In January 2021, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons entered into force, which is the first multilateral treaty to clearly and fundamentally define that nuclear weapons are subjected to total prohibition. This is a proof that voices of *hibakusha* and those who share their fervent wish for the total elimination of nuclear weapons pushed international society forward. In this context, Mayors for Peace adopted the Vision for Peaceful Transformation to a Sustainable World (PX Vision) and Action Plan (2021-2025) in July of the same year. The Vision sets forth three objectives: “Realize a world without nuclear weapons,” “Realize safe and resilient cities,” and “Promote a culture of peace.” In order to pursue these objectives, we have decided to put a greater emphasis on the expansion of our membership.

The growing number of Mayors for Peace member cities is a powerful force building real momentum toward peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons. To this end, I humbly ask that you share in our sincere message from the atomic bombed cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and join Mayors for Peace to support our initiatives toward genuine and lasting world peace.

Sincerely yours,

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MATSUI Kazumi
Mayor of Hiroshima
President of Mayors for Peace



The City of Hiroshima

PEACE DECLARATION

August 6, 2022

"I adored my mother; she raised me with such kindness and care." The woman speaking was 16 when she left home carrying the lunch her mother had lovingly prepared. She never imagined it would be their final parting. Summer, 77 years ago. That morning, without warning, the first nuclear weapon was dropped and detonated over humanity. Standing near Hiroshima Station, the girl saw a terrifying flash. Then came a thunderous roar. Striking from behind, the blast blew her through the air and knocked her unconscious. When she came to, she wandered through the smoldering city, searching for her mother. She saw a horrifying number of blackened bodies. One charred corpse still stood, clinging to the neck of a cow. Bodies floating in the river drifted up and down with the tide. She still remembers the morning when everyday life vanished violently into scenes from hell.

In invading Ukraine, the Russian leader, elected to protect the lives and property of his people, is using them as instruments of war, stealing the lives and livelihoods of innocent civilians in another country. Around the world, the notion that peace depends on nuclear deterrence gains momentum. These errors betray humanity's determination, born of our experiences of war, to achieve a peaceful world free from nuclear weapons. To accept the status quo and abandon the ideal of peace maintained without military force is to threaten the very survival of the human race. We must stop repeating these mistakes. Above all, entrusting a nuclear button to any world leader is to sanction continued nuclear threats to humanity and potential re-creation of the hellscape of August 6, 1945. We must immediately render all nuclear buttons meaningless.

Must we keep tolerating self-centeredness that threatens others, even to the point of denying their existence? We should take to heart the words of Leo Tolstoy, the renowned Russian author of *War and Peace*, who advised, "Never build your happiness on the misfortune of others, for only in their happiness can you find your own."

Earlier this year, the five nuclear-weapon states issued a joint statement: "Nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought." They further declared their intent to "...remain committed to our Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) obligations." Having issued such a statement, why do they not attempt to fulfill their promises? Why do some even hint at using nuclear weapons? The nuclear powers must act now to build bridges of trust among nations. Rather than treating a world without nuclear weapons like a distant dream, they should be taking concrete steps toward its realization. I call on the leaders of the nuclear-weapon states to visit the atomic-bombed cities where they can personally encounter the consequences of using nuclear weapons and strengthen their will to take these steps. I want them to understand that the only sure way to protect the lives and property of their people is to eliminate nuclear weapons. I fervently hope that the leaders who attend the G7 Summit in Hiroshima next year will reach this conclusion.

With the *hibakusha's* will to peace at our core, and inheriting the "never-give-up" spirit of *hibakusha* leader Tsuboi Sunao, who dedicated his life to the cause, Hiroshima will continue striding toward nuclear weapons abolition, however arduous the path.

Mayors for Peace, now a network of 8,200 peace cities around the world, will hold its 10th General Conference in Hiroshima this year. That conference will work toward a civil society in which each and every citizen shares the conviction that happy lives require an end to war, an end to armed conflict, and an end to life-threatening social discrimination. In that pursuit, we will intensify cooperation among our peace-minded member cities to promote a "culture of peace" that rejects all forms of violence. Mayors for Peace encourages policymakers to pursue foreign policies through dialogue without relying on nuclear deterrence.

This past June, the First Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) adopted a declaration that, against the backdrop of the Russian invasion, categorically rejects the threat of nuclear weapons. With nuclear weapons-dependent states participating as observers, the meeting specifically stressed that the TPNW contributes to and complements the NPT. Therefore, I demand first that the Japanese government serve as mediator at the NPT Review Conference. Then, Japan must participate in the next Meeting of States Parties to the TPNW, promptly become a State Party itself, and wholeheartedly support the movement toward nuclear weapons abolition.

The average age of the *hibakusha* now exceeds 84, and their lives are still impaired by radiation's adverse effects on their minds and bodies. Thus, I further demand that the Japanese government empathize with their suffering to better offer them enhanced support measures.

Today, at this Peace Memorial Ceremony commemorating 77 years since the bombing, we offer heartfelt condolences to the souls of the atomic bomb victims. Together with Nagasaki and likeminded people around the world, we pledge to do everything in our power to abolish nuclear weapons and light the way toward lasting world peace.

MATSUI Kazumi
Mayor
The City of Hiroshima



Mayors for Peace

1. Outline

In August 1945, atomic bombs dropped on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki instantly reduced them to rubble, taking more than 210,000 precious lives. With more than 75 years since the bombings, many survivors (*hibakusha*) still suffer from the physical and emotional aftereffects of radiation. To spread throughout the world the *hibakusha*'s ardent wish symbolized in the message that "no one should suffer as we have," and to ensure it is passed on to future generations, Hiroshima and Nagasaki remain steadfast in our assertion to the world that nuclear weapons are inhumane and continue to call for their abolition.

On June 24, 1982, at the 2nd UN Special Session on Disarmament held at the UN Headquarters in New York, then Mayor Takeshi Araki of Hiroshima called for cities throughout the world to transcend national borders and join in solidarity to work together to press for nuclear abolition. Subsequently, the Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki established "The World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity" (now, Mayors for Peace), composed of mayors around the world who formally expressed support for this call. In 1991, the organization was registered as an NGO in Special Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

*On August 5, 2001, the organization changed its name from "The World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity" to "Mayors for Peace."

2. Mission

The purposes of "Mayors for Peace" are to contribute to the attainment of lasting world peace by arousing concern among citizens of the world for the total abolition of nuclear weapons through close solidarity among member cities as well as by striving to solve vital problems for the human race such as starvation and poverty, the plight of refugees, human rights abuses, and environmental degradation.

3. Structure

1) Member Cities (as of April 1, 2023)

Area	Countries & Regions	Member Cities
Asia	39	3,293
Oceania	9	135
Africa	49	437
Europe	41	3,304
North America	3	336
Latin America and the Caribbean	25	742

8,247 cities

in **166** countries
& regions

Regions: Taiwan / Palestine / Northern Cyprus (Asia), Northern Mariana Islands / French Polynesia (Oceania), Somaliland (Africa), Kosovo (Europe), Greenland (North America), Puerto Rico (Latin America and the Caribbean)

2) Executive Cities

The following 21 cities are executive cities (From oldest to newest).

President City:

Hiroshima (Japan)

Vice President Cities:

Nagasaki (Japan)

Hannover (Germany)

Malakoff (France)

Muntinlupa (Philippines)

Manchester (UK)

Ypres (Belgium)

Granollers (Spain)

Halabja (Iraq)

Biograd na Moru (Croatia)

Des Moines (US)

Montreal (Canada)

Executive Cities:

Santos (Brazil)

Wellington (New Zealand)

Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Bangkok (Thailand)

Cartago (Costa Rica)

Tehran (Iran)

Grigny (France)

Cervia (Italy)

Evora (Portugal)

*Underlined are Lead Cities in charge of their regional chapter:

19 cities

3) Secretariat

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4. How to Join

1) Registration Process

- i. If your city/municipality would like to join us, please send a "Registration Form" to the Secretariat.
- ii. The Secretariat registers its new member cities once a month (around the 20th).
- iii. Date of affiliation is the 1st day of the month following the date registration procedures are completed by the Secretariat. "Certification of Membership" will be sent out to newly affiliated cities after the date of affiliation.

2) Membership Fee

2,000 yen/year

*However, when deemed appropriate, Member Cities can be exempt from Fee payment.

Member Cities will not lose their membership if they do not pay the Fee.

3) Member Cities' Activities (Examples)

- i. Promote the petition drive calling for all states to join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons as soon as possible
- ii. Hold peace-related events such as the Mayors for Peace Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibition and share reports
- iii. Invite mayors of your sister cities and neighboring cities who are not yet members to join Mayors for Peace
- iv. Attend the General Conference

*Please see "Peace-Related Activities Offered to Members of Mayors for Peace" for more activities that member cities will get the opportunity to participate in.

5. Conferences

1) General Conference

Mayors for Peace holds a General Conference once every four years in principle. Hosted alternately between Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the General Conference is an opportunity for member cities to decide and adopt agenda items significant to the organization.



10th General Conference
(October 2022, Hiroshima)

2) Executive Conference

Mayors for Peace holds an Executive Conference generally once every two years in one of the executive cities, where executives discuss future initiatives and plans for the next General Conference.

6. Vision for Peaceful Transformation to a Sustainable World (PX Vision)

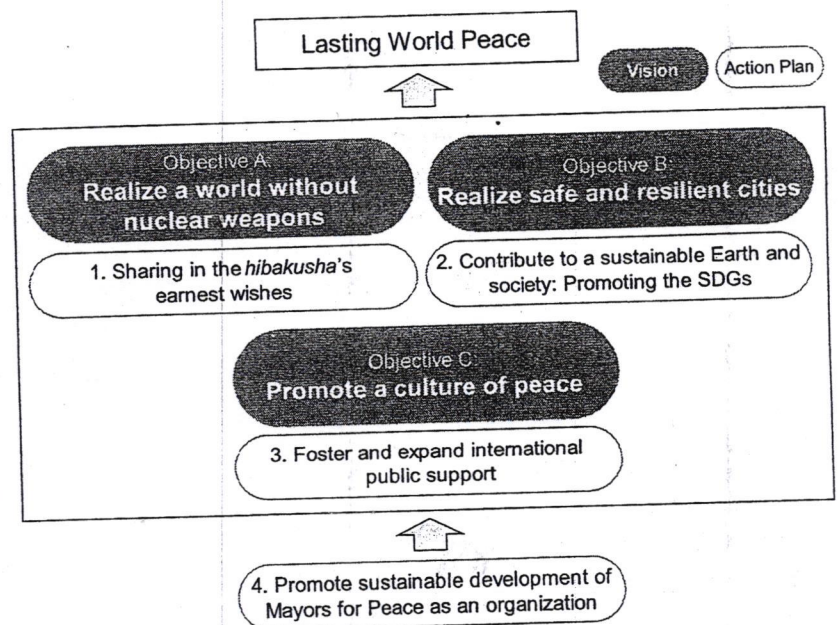
- Peacebuilding by Cities for Disarmament and Common Security -

1) Outline

In order to achieve a world in which all people can perpetually benefit from peace by realizing the total elimination of nuclear weapons and by attaining and maintaining peaceful coexistence between the whole of humanity, subsequent to the 2020 Vision, Mayors for Peace adopted the *Vision for Peaceful Transformation to a Sustainable World (PX Vision): Peacebuilding by Cities for Disarmament and Common Security* at the 12th Executive Conference in July 2021. Based on this, we build cities where citizens act with a strong sense of solidarity for the ultimate goal of realizing lasting world peace.

2) Initiatives

For cities to ensure the safety and security of their citizens from the great threat of nuclear weapons and to attain and maintain peaceful coexistence between the whole of humanity, under three objectives set forth in the Vision, Mayors for Peace member cities implement the initiatives outlined in the Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2021 – 2025) to promote peacebuilding by cities.

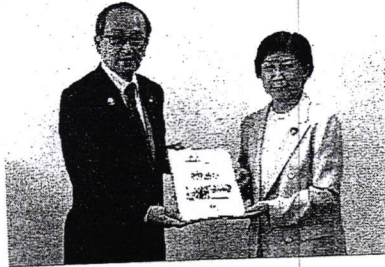


[Main Initiatives]

1. Appeal to the UN and national governments
2. Mayors for Peace Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibition
3. Providing opportunities to hear *hibakusha's* testimonies
4. Distribute and nurture seeds from atomic bomb survivor trees (*hibaku* trees)
5. Children's Art Competition "Peaceful Towns"
6. Peace Education Webinar
7. Youth Exchange for Peace Support Program
8. Collaboration with member cities



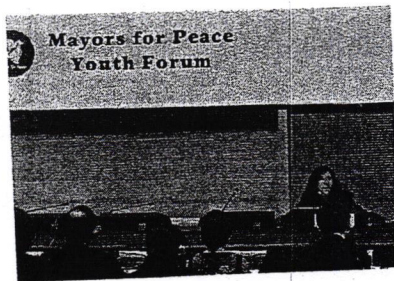
Speech by the President
at the first Meeting of States Parties to
the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear
Weapons
(June 2022, Vienna)



Meeting with Ms. Nakamitsu,
UN Under-Secretary-General and High
Representative for Disarmament Affairs
(June 2022, Vienna)



Meeting with national government
representatives
(June 2022, Vienna)



Presentation by a youth from
a member city at the Mayors for Peace
Youth Forum held in UNOG
(April 2018, Geneva)



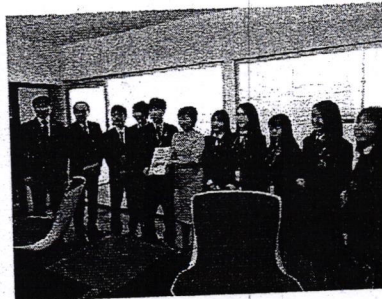
Planting ceremony of a second
generation atomic-bombed Ginkgo
seedling by a member city
(April 2018, Guernika-Lumo)



Discussions at the Mayors for Peace
Youth Exchange for Peace: Support
Program for "HIROSHIMA and PEACE"
by youths from member cities
(August 2019, Hiroshima)



Petition Drive by the President
and high school students in the street
(August 2022, Hiroshima)



Presenting signatures to the
representatives of UN by high school
students participating in the petition drive
(April 2019, New York)



Holding the Mayors for Peace
Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibition
by a member city
(June 2015, Muntinlupa)



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Peace-Related Activities Offered to Members of Mayors for Peace

Upon joining Mayors for Peace, your city will have the opportunity to participate in activities and programs which reflect the ultimate goal of the Mayors for Peace Action Plan: lasting world peace. We hope you will join us and that together, we will make significant strides towards realizing our goal.

Below please find a list of activities which we offer to our member cities:

1. Seeds from Atomic Bomb Survivor Trees

Mayors for Peace distributes seeds from trees that survived the atomic bombings to all member cities who wish to receive them. It is our hope that by taking care of these trees, which serve as symbols of peace, member cities can foster the ideals of peace amongst their citizens.

Seeds are provided free of charge.



2. Youth Exchange for Peace Support Program

Mayors for Peace provides financial and other support to selected youth from member cities who would like to participate in the "International Youth Conference for Peace in the Future" and "HIROSHIMA and PEACE" programs aimed at fostering a better understanding of the realities of the atomic bombings and to inspire proactive contribution to nuclear abolition efforts in their home cities.

Financial support will partially cover expenses associated with the programs, such as travel, accommodation, daily allowances, and other various expenses based on Mayors for Peace guidelines.



3. Children's Art Competitions

Based on the art prompt "Peaceful Towns", Mayors for Peace has held an art competition for children ages 6 to 15 in member cities since 2018 with the aim of furthering the promotion of peace education in younger generations around the world.



4. Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibitions

Mayors for Peace calls on member cities to hold exhibitions of Hiroshima-Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Posters and other related materials to foster a deepened understanding of the realities of the atomic bombings and strengthen the resolve towards nuclear abolition among their citizens.

Posters are available in: Japanese, English, German, French, Russian, Dutch, Spanish, Catalan, and Portuguese

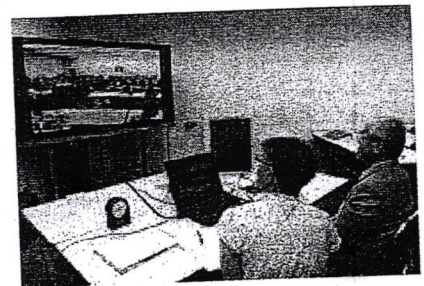
Posters are provided free of charge (files can be downloaded from the Mayors for Peace website).



5. Online *Hibakusha* Testimonies

By request, Mayors for Peace can help connect venues in member cities to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum so they can experience online *hibakusha* testimonies.

Available free of charge.



For more information, please contact:

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Mayors for Peace Membership by Country

April 1, 2023

No	Area	Countries & Regions	Cities
1	Asia	Afghanistan	3
2	39 countries & regions	Armenia	1
3	3,293 cities	Azerbaijan	10
4		Bangladesh	22
5		Bhutan	1
6		Cambodia	3
7		China	7
8		Cyprus	5
9		Georgia	2
10		India	21
11		Indonesia	4
12		Iran	1,016
13		Iraq	143
14		Israel	56
15		Japan	1,738
16		Jordan	12
17		Kazakhstan	15
18		Korea	15
19		Kyrgyzstan	4
20		Lao PDR	1
21		Lebanon	15
22		Malaysia	9
23		Mongolia	4
24		Myanmar	3
25		Nepal	11
26		Northern Cyprus	4
27		Pakistan	13
28		Palestine	28
29		Philippines	30
30		Saudi Arabia	1
31		Sri Lanka	41
32		Syria	3
33		Taiwan	3
34		Tajikistan	2
35		Thailand	17
36		Turkey	18
37		Uzbekistan	3
38		Viet Nam	6
39		Yemen	3
40	Oceania	Australia	91
41	9 countries & regions	Fiji	2
42	135 cities	French Polynesia	1
43		Marshall Islands	2
44		Micronesia	2
45		New Zealand	33
46		Northern Mariana Islands	2
47		Papua New Guinea	1
48		Solomon Islands	1
49	Africa	Algeria	2
50	49 countries & regions	Benin	6
51	437 cities	Botswana	4
52		Burkina Faso	2
53		Burundi	2
54		Cabo Verde	2
55		Cameroon	99
56		Central African Republic	1
57		Chad	1
58		Comoros	3
59		Congo (COD)	2
60		Congo (COG)	9
61		Côte d'Ivoire	2
62		Djibouti	1
63		Egypt	6
64		Eritrea	2
65		Ethiopia	10
66		Gambia	4
67		Ghana	34
68		Guinea	2
69		Guinea	4
70		Kenya	1
71		Lesotho	1
72		Liberia	1
73		Libya	2
74		Madagascar	7
75		Malawi	5
76		Mali	36
77		Mauritania	14
78		Mauritius	1
79		Morocco	6
80		Mozambique	3
81		Namibia	1
82		Niger	1
83		Nigeria	5
84		Rwanda	1
85		Sao Tome and Principe	2
86		Senegal	75
		Seychelles	1

No	Area	Countries & Regions	Cities
87		Sierra Leone	1
88		Somalia	1
89		Somaliland	1
90		South Africa	9
91		South Sudan	1
92		Tanzania	2
93		Togo	4
94		Tunisia	1
95		Uganda	54
96		Zambia	3
97		Zimbabwe	1
98	Europe	Albania	3
99	41 countries	Andorra	2
100	3,304 cities	Austria	123
101		Belarus	2
102		Belgium	395
103		Bosnia and Herzegovina	39
104		Bulgaria	10
105		Croatia	35
106		Czechia	29
107		Denmark	12
108		Estonia	4
109		Finland	4
110		France	171
111		Germany	848
112		Greece	24
113		Hungary	7
114		Iceland	3
115		Ireland	13
116		Italy	521
117		Kosovo	3
118		Latvia	5
119		Lithuania	15
120		Luxembourg	63
121		Malta	5
122		Moldova	2
123		Montenegro	2
124		Netherlands	171
125		North Macedonia	2
126		Norway	105
127		Poland	12
128		Portugal	44
129		Romania	5
130		Russia	67
131		Serbia	4
132		Slovakia	2
133		Slovenia	7
134		Spain	402
135		Sweden	25
136		Switzerland	24
137		UK	88
138		Ukraine	6
139	North America	Canada	112
140	3 countries & regions	Greenland	1
141	336 cities	US	223
142	Latin America and the Caribbean	Argentina	101
143	25 countries & regions	Bolivia	3
144	742 cities	Brazil	105
145		Chile	23
146		Colombia	17
147		Costa Rica	47
148		Cuba	2
149		Dominica	1
150		Dominican Republic	33
151		Ecuador	21
152		El Salvador	19
153		Guatemala	4
154		Guyana	1
155		Haiti	4
156		Honduras	3
157		Jamaica	1
158		Mexico	88
159		Nicaragua	155
160		Panama	1
161		Paraguay	26
162		Peru	42
163		Puerto Rico	13
164		Trinidad and Tobago	2
165		Uruguay	5
166		Venezuela	25

Please refer to the list of member cities at:
<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/members/index.html>

8,247 member cities in 166 countries and regions



Mayors for Peace Registration Form

To Mr. MATSUI Kazumi
Mayor of Hiroshima
President of Mayors for Peace

I hereby express my city/municipality's support for the abolition of nuclear weapons and desire to join Mayors for Peace.*

Name of the city/municipality**: _____

***This is the name we will use to refer to your city/municipality in our database.*

Name of country: _____

Mayor's name: _____

Title: _____

Mayor's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Mayor's office address: _____

TEL: _____ FAX: _____

E-mail: _____

Website: _____

Municipal Population: _____ (as of _____)

Contact person

Name: _____

Title: _____

Position: _____

E-mail: _____

Questionnaire

How did you find out about Mayors for Peace?

Member City: (Name) _____

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of your country

NGO/Organization: (Name) _____

Meeting with Mayor of Hiroshima

Other: (please specify) _____

Please send this form to:
Mayors for Peace Secretariat
FAX : +81-82-242-7452
E-mail : mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp

Note

*This registration form implies your city/municipality's decision to join Mayors for Peace. If your city/municipality requires specific procedures, including approval from your city/municipal council, please submit this form after such procedures are completed.

*Mayors for Peace runs several social media sites (Twitter @Mayors4Peace, Facebook @mayorsforpeace) where we would like to introduce our new member cities. We ask your permission to share information about your new membership with our followers. If you agree to the above, we ask that you please provide (1) a photo of the current mayor and (2) a photo that represents your city (landmark, landscape, etc.). Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Mayors for Peace

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Under the *Vision for Peaceful Transformation to a Sustainable World*

In order to achieve a world in which all people can perpetually benefit from peace by realizing the total elimination of nuclear weapons and by attaining and maintaining peaceful coexistence between the whole of humanity, subsequent to the *2020 Vision*, we, Mayors for Peace, have created our new Vision, titled *Vision for Peaceful Transformation to a Sustainable World (PX Vision): Peacebuilding by Cities for Disarmament and Common Security*. Based on this, we will build cities where citizens act with a strong sense of solidarity for the ultimate goal of realizing lasting world peace.

As the Vision of a global network made up of heads of local governments, whose role is to ensure citizens' safety and security, it centers on the objective "realize a world without nuclear weapons" in the quest for the eradication of the greatest threat to our peaceful lives.

Another objective, "realize safe and resilient cities," has been set forth as a target indispensable to ensuring citizens' safety and security by tackling the issues distinctive to each member's region that are threatening the coexistence of the human race.

While accomplishing these two objectives, we must also bring about a fundamentally important paradigm shift involving two things. Firstly, we will seek to change the "nation-minded" approach currently prevalent among global leaders, which prioritizes each country's own interests, to a "civic-minded" approach, which values mutual aid and the recognition of shared interest. Secondly and more importantly, we will seek to build a consensus in civil society in favor of the realization of a peaceful, nuclear weapon-free world. Through the shift represented by these two things, we will urge policymakers to demonstrate decisive leadership to effect peace-oriented policy change. For this reason, we have set forth a third objective, "promote a culture of peace," to establish a concrete base for the other two objectives. This entails cultivating peace consciousness and causing a culture of peace—a culture in which the everyday actions of each member of the public are grounded in thinking about peace—to take root in civil society. As a network composed of mayors of local governments, the most immediate presence to citizens, Mayors for Peace has concluded that promoting a culture of peace is the most significant role to fulfill both locally and internationally.

These three objectives to achieve a nuclear weapon-free world, safe and resilient cities, and a culture of peace are mutually reinforcing goals. Together, they aim to cultivate a shared sense of belonging to a single human family, regardless of our cultural, religious, or ethnic differences.

Furthermore, sustainable development of Mayors for Peace as an organization will be key to consistent implementation of various initiatives under this Vision. To that end, in conjunction with further expansion of our membership, we will enhance our members' initiatives, work in collaboration with a diverse range of groups, strengthen the functions of the Secretariat, and improve our financial capability.

Based on the following Vision and the 2021 – 2025 Action Plan, and in solidarity with 8,037 member cities in 165 countries and regions, we hereby express our determination to continue our utmost efforts toward our goal of realizing lasting world peace.

July 2021
Mayors for Peace

I ***Vision for Peaceful Transformation to a Sustainable World (PX Vision):***

Peacebuilding by Cities for Disarmament and Common Security

Objective A: Realize a world without nuclear weapons

With cities and the citizens who live in them being their targets, and catastrophic consequences on a global scale to be inflicted by their use, nuclear weapons are the greatest threat to the safety and security of citizens' lives. We will urge global leaders to effect peace-oriented policy change by calling on the UN and national governments, especially the nuclear-armed states and their allies, to take concrete action for the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

Objective B: Realize safe and resilient cities

In pursuit of ensuring citizens' safety and security, we will strive to address and solve a diverse range of issues distinctive to each member's region that are threatening the coexistence of the human race such as starvation, poverty, the plight of refugees, human rights abuses, and environmental degradation.

Objective C: Promote a culture of peace

We will seek both to create an environment that urges policymakers to demonstrate decisive leadership to effect peace-oriented policy changes that facilitate the abolition of nuclear weapons, and to establish a civil society in which citizens act with a strong sense of solidarity for the realization of peaceful coexistence between the whole of humanity. To that end, we will cultivate peace consciousness and cause a culture of peace—a culture in which the everyday actions of each member of the public are grounded in thinking about peace—to take root in civil society as the foundation of lasting world peace.

II Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2021 – 2025)

For cities to ensure the safety and security of their citizens from the great threat of nuclear weapons and to attain and maintain peaceful coexistence between the whole of humanity, under three objectives set forth in the Vision, Mayors for Peace member cities will implement the following initiatives to promote peacebuilding by cities.

Objective A: Realize a world without nuclear weapons

1. Sharing in the *hibakusha*'s earnest wishes

1) Promote the universalization of the TPNW by involving the nuclear-armed states and their allies

We fully embrace the letter and the spirit of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). We will aim at winning additional states parties, so that the treaty can maximize its impact to lead to the total elimination of nuclear weapons for which the *hibakusha*, the atomic bomb survivors, have been calling for so long. To this end, we will seek the good-faith engagement of the nuclear-armed states and their allies with the TPNW and in other efforts to achieve an effective, verifiable, transparent, irreversible, and universal nuclear disarmament regime.

i. Issue open letters urging the ratification of the TPNW

To promote the universalization of the TPNW, the Executive Cities will issue open letters addressed to national governments, especially to the nuclear-armed states and their allies, urging them to join the treaty.

ii. Conduct activities led by member cities in the nuclear-armed states and their allied states urging their respective national government to join the TPNW

Member cities in the nuclear-armed states and their allied states will each urge their own national government to join the TPNW through activities such as issuing letters requesting the ratification of the treaty. In addition, they will each request their own national government as a first step to take part in the Meetings of States Parties as observers.

2) Appeal to the UN and national governments for the abolition of nuclear weapons

Having the *hibakusha*'s sincere desire for peace at our core, we will urge the UN and national governments to make substantial progress on nuclear disarmament toward their total abolition, and to establish a common security framework that is based on mutual cooperation. For this, we will continue making appeals on the importance of moving away from nuclear deterrence, full implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) disarmament obligation, and visiting the atomic bombed cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

i. Call for progress on nuclear disarmament at international conferences

The Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki will attend international conferences addressing nuclear disarmament such as the NPT Review Conferences and Meetings of States Parties to the TPNW, in which they will call the government delegations and UN representatives to make substantial progress on nuclear disarmament by delivering speeches from the floor and through meetings with the attendees, including through support for the negotiation of a comprehensive Nuclear Weapons Convention.

ii. Issue open letters aimed at the abolition of nuclear weapons

At important moments in nuclear disarmament, the Executive Cities will issue open letters addressed to the UN and national governments, urging them to make substantial progress on nuclear disarmament.

- iii. **Conduct member city-led activities calling on their respective national governments to contribute to the abolition of nuclear weapons**
Member cities will each call on their own national government to commit and contribute to the abolition of nuclear weapons by activities such as submitting letters of request.

3) Support public calls by a wide range of citizens urging policymakers to effect policy change

- i. **Conduct petition drives calling for all states to join the TPNW at the earliest date**
Member cities will spread the message that nuclear weapons are an absolute evil that must not exist to members of the public throughout the world, thus building a consensus in civil society in favor of their abolition, and urge policymakers to demonstrate decisive leadership to effect peace-oriented policy change. For this purpose, member cities, in collaboration with their citizens, will conduct petition drives calling for all states to join the TPNW at the earliest date.

The Mayors for Peace Secretariat (hereinafter referred to as "the Secretariat") will gather collected signatures and submit them to UN officials on occasions such as Mayors for Peace delegations attending international conferences addressing nuclear disarmament.

Objective B: Realize safe and resilient cities

2. Contribute to a sustainable Earth and society: Promoting the SDGs

1) Promote regional initiatives addressing local issues and challenges such as terrorism, the plight of refugees, environmental degradation, acceptance of diversity, and promotion of inclusion

- i. **Build cities that "leave no one behind"**
Under the principle of "leaving no one behind," member cities will commit themselves to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals, especially those pertaining to peace, cities, and education. While sharing useful information with other members through the Secretariat, member cities will strive to address and solve a diverse range of issues and challenges distinctive to each member's region such as terrorism, the plight of refugees, environmental degradation, acceptance of diversity, promotion of inclusion, poverty, starvation, and violence.
- ii. **Hold regional conferences aimed at solving local issues**
Aimed at solving a diverse range of issues distinctive to each member's region and further enhancing regional activities with the participation of citizens, the Lead Cities, leading the regional chapters, will hold regional conferences. At regional conferences, they will share useful information such as activities by the member cities in the region.

Objective C: Promote a culture of peace

3. Foster and expand international public support

A & B : Initiatives aimed at achieving the objectives "realize a world without nuclear weapons" and "realize safe and resilient cities"
A : Initiatives aimed at achieving the objective "realize a world without nuclear weapons"
B : Initiatives aimed at achieving the objective "realize safe and resilient cities"

1) Cultivate peace consciousness in civil society

A & B

i. Promote the importance of peace through art and sporting events

Member cities will encourage more citizens to think about the importance of peace through music, fine art, and other forms of art expressing desire for peace, as well as through sports and other activities that emotionally connect people across language barriers; for example, celebrating one particular month of the year as the "Month for a Culture of Peace" holding a variety of cultural events aimed at raising peace awareness.

ii. Collaborate with citizens engaged in activities to promote a culture of peace

Member cities will work in close collaboration with citizens engaged in activities promoting a culture of peace, aiming to cultivate a culture of peace in civil society and stimulate members of the public to think about the importance of peace.

A

iii. Promote outreach concerning the current international situation surrounding nuclear weapons

To have as many citizens as possible deepen their understanding of the inhumane nature of nuclear weapons and the grave risks and devastating consequences they pose, member cities will engage in outreach on relevant occasions such as the UN's International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons and International Day of Peace.

In addition, in close collaboration with international peace research institutes such as the Hiroshima Peace Institute of Hiroshima City University and Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition of Nagasaki University, the Secretariat will share useful resources and post timely information on nuclear weapons on the Mayors for Peace website and in the monthly News Flash newsletter.

iv. Publicize research on the methodology of peacebuilding

In close collaboration with international peace research institutes such as the Hiroshima Peace Institute of Hiroshima City University and Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition of Nagasaki University, the Secretariat will publicize their research on the Mayors for Peace website and in the monthly News Flash newsletter, making them widely available and accessible for members of the public.

B

v. Organize events to build momentum for achieving the SDGs

To have more citizens deepen their understanding of the SDGs and to have them participate in creating an inclusive society that "leaves no one behind" in their cities, member cities will organize outreach events on relevant occasions such as the UN's Global Goals Week.

2) Widely convey the realities of the atomic bombings and war

A

i. Hold Mayors for Peace Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibitions

To have more people deepen the understanding of the realities of the atomic bombings and share in the wish for the abolition of nuclear weapons, with support from the Secretariat, member cities will hold the Mayors for Peace Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibition.

ii. Pass down atomic bomb experiences through testimonies

To pass down the *hibakusha*'s experiences of the atomic bombings to as many people as possible, have them share in the *hibakusha*'s sincere desire for the abolition of nuclear weapons and to encourage them to take action for peace, with support from the Secretariat, member cities will provide opportunities for their citizens to hear their testimony while using online video conference platform or on video.

iii. Distribute and nurture seeds and seedlings from atomic bomb survivor trees

The Secretariat will distribute seeds and seedlings from atomic bomb survivor trees, which still stand in Hiroshima and Nagasaki as silent witnesses, to member cities. Aiming to raise public peace consciousness through citizens, member cities will plant them at places where many citizens visit, and nurture them by hands of citizens as symbols of peace.

B

iv. Hold outreach events conveying the devastation caused by war

To have more people deepen their understanding of the realities of the devastation caused by wars, and to share in the importance of peace, member cities will hold outreach events such as poster exhibitions.

v. Pass down war experiences through testimonies

To have more people deepen the understanding of the realities of the devastation caused by wars, share in the importance of peace, and take action for peace, member cities will provide opportunities for their citizens to hear testimonies by those who have experienced war, while using online video conference platforms or on video.

3) Develop youth leadership for future peace activities

A & B

i. Further promote peace education through initiatives such as the annual Children's Art Competition "Peaceful Towns"

To provide opportunities for young people to think about the importance of peace and to foster their peace-seeking spirit, member cities will accept the submissions of artworks from the children in their cities to the annual Children's Art Competition "Peaceful Towns", organized by the Secretariat. In addition, member cities will further promote peace education on the subjects of the abolition of nuclear weapons, SDGs, and a culture of peace.

ii. Promote peace and disarmament education

Member cities will promote the importance of disarmament as a means to achieve peace among young people, and stimulate them to engage in activities to raise public awareness for disarmament in their cities. For these purposes, with support from the Secretariat, member cities will provide their young officials and local university and graduate students opportunities to attend seminars and online courses on peace and disarmament education, utilizing the teaching resources and model curriculum created by the Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition of Nagasaki University.

A

iii. Further enrich programs to host youth in the atomic bombed cities such as the Youth Exchange for Peace Support Program

The Secretariat will further enrich programs that host youth from member cities in the atomic bombed cities, such as the Youth Exchange for Peace Support Program, to have them deepen their understanding of the realities of the atomic bombings. They will thus be stimulated to engage in peace activities in their own cities aimed at the abolition of nuclear weapons. After going back to their respective cities, each of the participants and the member city they represent will together conduct peace activities.

iv. Send Mayors for Peace youth delegation to international conferences addressing nuclear disarmament

To have young people understand the current international situation surrounding nuclear weapons through real-life experiences, and to provide them opportunities to convey the messages for the abolition of nuclear weapons from the atomic bombed cities, the Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki will send young people engaged in various peace activities as Mayors for Peace youth delegations to international conferences addressing nuclear disarmament such as the NPT Review Conferences.

In addition, on such occasions, the Secretariat will host Mayors for Peace Youth Fora inviting young people engaged in peace activities in many different countries to provide them with opportunities to take part in discussions and presentations on their activities.

v. Support more universities to establish Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses

Member cities, with support from the Secretariat, will encourage a greater number of local universities to establish Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses, which are accredited by the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation and which academically approach the realities of the atomic bombings and the importance of peace.

4. Promote sustainable development of Mayors for Peace as an organization

1) Further expand membership

i. Strengthen regional recruiting activities by referring to model cases

To achieve 10,000 member cities and create real momentum for peace, the Lead Cities will further strengthen their recruiting activities to gain new members, especially in the nuclear-armed states. In doing so, they will refer to the model cases presented by the other regional chapters, and also to how the Secretariat works in close partnership with embassies.

2) Enhance member city activities

i. Collect and share good examples of activities by member cities

To encourage member cities to take the lead in enhancing initiatives that they develop independently, the Secretariat and the Lead Cities will collect good examples of such initiatives and post them on the Mayors for Peace website and monthly News Flash newsletter.

ii. Stimulate regional activities led by the Lead Cities

To stimulate activities at each region, the Lead Cities will take the lead in conducting activities in close collaboration with the member cities in their regions, referring to good examples presented by the other regional chapters.

3) Work in collaboration with a diverse range of groups

i. Work in collaboration with associations of local authorities such as the USCM, NFLA, and UCLG

To create momentum for peace and expand our network both on the level of cities and of citizens, the Secretariat and the Lead Cities will work in close collaboration with associations of local authorities around the world that the Lead Cities work in partnership with—including the US Conference of Mayors (USCM), Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA), United Cities for Local Governments (UCLG), and Metropolis—to gain their support for Mayors for Peace activities.

ii. Work in collaboration with international organizations such as the UN, the ICRC, and ICAN

To effectively foster and expand international public support for the realization of lasting world peace, the Secretariat and the Lead Cities will work in close partnership with international organizations such as the UN, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), Peace Boat, Abolition 2000, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), and the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs.

iii. Strengthen collaboration with international peace research institutes such as the Hiroshima Peace Institute of Hiroshima City University and Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition of Nagasaki University

The Secretariat will strengthen collaboration with international peace research institutes such as the Hiroshima Peace Institute of Hiroshima City University and Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition of Nagasaki University to utilize their research and bring their expertise in the field to Mayors for Peace initiatives.

iv. Promote collaboration with memorial museums of the world that convey the realities of the atomic bombings and war

In addition to further strengthening the collaboration with Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum, the Secretariat will expand its network of memorial museums of the world that convey the devastation caused by war. Working in collaboration with them, the Secretariat will provide opportunities for the citizens of member cities to hear testimonies of *hibakusha* and other people who have experienced war, and conduct outreach regarding Mayors for Peace initiatives.

4) Strengthen the functions of the Secretariat

i. Enhance initiatives led by the regional chapters and strengthen their collaboration with the Secretariat

The Secretariat will collect good examples of initiatives independently implemented by regional chapters from around the globe that are distinctive to their respective regions, and share them on the Mayors for Peace website and in the monthly News Flash newsletter, aiming to enhance initiatives led by the regional chapters and strengthening their collaboration with the Secretariat.

ii. Strengthen collaboration with member cities through the internships

The Secretariat will host young officials from member cities in Hiroshima as interns at the Secretariat. This aims not only to strengthen collaboration between the Secretariat and member cities, but also to have participants promote Mayors for Peace initiatives in the local government they work for. In turn, the member cities that sent them will collaborate with them on peace initiatives.

iii. Share information in a timely and effective manner through social media

To effectively foster and expand international public support for the realization of lasting world peace, in addition to using the Mayors for Peace website, the Secretariat and the Lead Cities will share information on Mayors for Peace activities in real time through social media such as Facebook and Twitter.

iv. Practice public relations aimed at gaining a greater number of supporters

The Secretariat and the Lead Cities will conduct public relations activities through a wide range of means to gain publicity for Mayors for Peace and to gain a greater number of supporters for our activities.

5) Improve financial capability

i. Improve the collection rate of the membership fee

As the number of member cities increases, in addition to building a strong sense of solidarity between members, having the financial capability to be able to consistently implement various initiatives is essential. For this purpose, the Secretariat and the Lead Cities will work to improve the collection rate of the membership fee, making member cities more aware of how the membership fee supports our activities and making the payment process clearer.

ii. Explore ways to raise funds from a larger number of supporters

To further improve our financial capability, the Secretariat and the Lead Cities will explore ways of raising donations and funding for our activities from a greater number of supporters.

Vision for Peaceful Transformation to a Sustainable World (PX Vision) and Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2021 – 2025) Overview

Lasting World Peace

Vision

Action Plan

Objective A: Realize a world without nuclear weapons

1. Sharing in the *hibakusha's* earnest wishes

- 1) **Promote the universalization of the TPNW by involving the nuclear-armed states and their allies**
 - i. Issue open letters urging the ratification of the TPNW
 - ii. Conduct activities led by member cities in the nuclear-armed states and their allied states urging their respective national government to join the TPNW
- 2) **Appeal to the UN and national governments for the abolition of nuclear weapons**
 - i. Call for progress on nuclear disarmament at international conferences
 - ii. Issue open letters aimed at the abolition of nuclear weapons
 - iii. Conduct member city-led activities calling on their respective national governments to contribute to the abolition of nuclear weapons
- 3) **Support public calls by a wide range of citizens urging policymakers to effect policy change**
 - i. Conduct petition drives calling for all states to join the TPNW at the earliest date

Objective B: Realize safe and resilient cities

2. Contribute to a sustainable Earth and society: Promoting the SDGs

- 1) **Promote regional initiatives addressing local issues and challenges such as terrorism, the plight of refugees, environmental degradation, acceptance of diversity, and promotion of inclusion**
 - i. Build cities that "leave no one behind"
 - ii. Hold regional conferences aimed at solving local issues

Objective C: Promote a culture of peace

3. Foster and expand international public support

- 1) **Cultivate peace consciousness in civil society**
 - A & B** i. Promote the importance of peace through art and sporting events
 - ii. Collaborate with citizens engaged in activities to promote a culture of peace
 - A** iii. Promote outreach concerning the current international situation surrounding nuclear weapons
 - iv. Publicize research on the methodology of peacebuilding
 - B** v. Organize events to build momentum for achieving the SDGs
- 2) **Widely convey the realities of the atomic bombings and war**
 - A** i. Hold Mayors for Peace Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibitions
 - ii. Pass down atomic bomb experiences through testimonies
 - iii. Distribute and nurture seeds and seedlings from atomic bomb survivor trees
 - B** iv. Hold outreach events conveying the devastation caused by war
 - v. Pass down war experiences through testimonies
- 3) **Develop youth leadership for future peace activities**
 - A & B** i. Further promote peace education through initiatives such as the annual Children's Art Competition "Peaceful Towns"
 - ii. Promote peace and disarmament education
 - A** iii. Further enrich programs to host youth in the atomic bombed cities such as the Youth Exchange for Peace Support Program
 - iv. Send Mayors for Peace youth delegation to international conferences addressing nuclear disarmament
 - v. Support more universities to establish Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses

- A & B** : Initiatives aimed at achieving the objectives: "realize a world without nuclear weapons" and "realize safe and resilient cities".
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- B** : Initiatives aimed at achieving the objective: "realize safe and resilient cities"

4. Promote sustainable development of Mayors for Peace as an organization

- 1) **Further expand membership**
 - i. Strengthen regional recruiting activities by referring to model cases
- 2) **Enhance member city activities**
 - i. Collect and share good examples of activities by member cities
 - ii. Stimulate regional activities led by the Lead Cities
- 3) **Work in collaboration with a diverse range of groups**
 - i. Work in collaboration with associations of local authorities such as the USCM, NFLA, and UCLG
 - ii. Work in collaboration with international organizations such as the UN, the ICRC, and ICAN
 - iii. Strengthen collaboration with international peace research institutes such as the Hiroshima Peace Institute of Hiroshima City University and Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition of Nagasaki University
 - iv. Promote collaboration with memorial museums of the world that convey the realities of the atomic bombings and war-
- 4) **Strengthen the functions of the Secretariat**
 - i. Enhance initiatives led by the regional chapters and strengthen their collaboration with the Secretariat
 - ii. Strengthen collaboration with member cities through the internships
 - iii. Share information in a timely and effective manner through social media
 - iv. Practice public relations aimed at gaining a greater number of supporters
- 5) **Improve financial capability**
 - i. Improve the collection rate of the membership fee
 - ii. Explore ways to raise funds from a larger number of supporters

COVENANT OF THE MAYORS FOR PEACE

In August, 1945, the first nuclear weapons ever used in human history caused an indescribable catastrophe for the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Even now a number of A-bomb survivors are still suffering physically, psychologically, and socially from various after-effects. Nevertheless, nuclear weapons have not been abolished; they continue to threaten human existence. Our goal is to maintain environments that enable citizens to lead safe, cultural lives, and to contribute to the attainment of lasting world peace. To this end, we pledge to make every effort to create an inter-city solidarity transcending national boundaries and ideological differences in order to achieve the total abolition of nuclear weapons and avert the recurrence of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki tragedies.

We agree to the intent of the "Program to Promote Solidarity of Cities towards the Total Abolition of Nuclear Weapons" proposed by Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Furthermore, we hope that the "World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity," which held its first session in August of 1985, shall become a permanent organization. Accordingly, we do hereby establish an organization to be known as the "Mayors for Peace".

CHAPTER I PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES

Purposes ARTICLE 1

The Purposes of the "Mayors for Peace" are to contribute to the attainment of lasting world peace by arousing concern among citizens of the world for the total abolition of nuclear weapons through close solidarity among all cities which agree to the "Program to Promote Solidarity of Cities towards the Total Abolition of Nuclear Weapons" as well as by striving to solve vital problems for the human race such as starvation and poverty, the plight of refugees, human rights abuses, and environmental degradation. (Cities which agree to the "Program to Promote Solidarity of Cities towards the Total Abolition of Nuclear Weapons" are hereinafter cited as solidarity cities.)

Principles ARTICLE 2

The Organization and solidarity cities, in pursuit of the Purposes stated in Article 1, shall act in accordance with the following Principles;

- (a) The Organization shall be based on friendship, goodwill, and respect for the actual conditions of Solidarity Cities.
- (b) The Organization shall devote itself to the total abolition of nuclear weapons and the attainment of lasting world peace, and to the solution of such problems as starvation, poverty, the plight of refugees, human rights abuses, and environmental degradation in cooperation with the United Nations, a major peace-keeping organization in the world.
- (c) Solidarity Cities shall work for the development of friendly relationships and bonds of solidarity among cities on the basis of mutual understanding and shall act in good faith for the attainment of the Purposes in accordance with the present Covenant.

- (d) Solidarity Cities shall seek to increase global awareness of the "Spirit of Hiroshima and Nagasaki" by introducing and expanding the idea of Inter-City Solidarity.

CHAPTER II ACTIVITIES

Details of the Activities ARTICLE 3

The Organization, in pursuit of the Purposes stated in Article 1, shall be engaged in the following activities;

- (a) To introduce and expand the idea of inter-city solidarity to worldwide cities.
- (b) To make an appeal for the total abolition of nuclear weapons and general and complete disarmament to related organizations such as the United Nations.
- (c) To coordinate the following activities promoted by Solidarity Cities.
 - (i) Solidarity Cities shall hold gatherings and events devoted to the cause of disarmament and peace, and/or to the solution of such problems as starvation, poverty, the plight of refugees, human rights abuses, and environmental degradation and shall send copies of any statement, resolution, or proclamation, associated with these events, to other Solidarity Cities.
 - (ii) Solidarity cities shall transmit messages advocating the total abolition of nuclear weapons and general and complete disarmament to the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations during the United Nations Disarmament Week. In addition, copies of the messages shall be exchanged with other Solidarity Cities.
 - (iii) Solidarity Cities that sponsor workshops or meetings on peace, disarmament, and security issues, and/or the solution of such problems as starvation, poverty, the plight of refugees, human rights abuses, and environmental degradation shall send relevant pamphlets, books, and materials reporting these results to other Solidarity Cities.
 - (iv) Solidarity Cities that publish or obtain materials, brochures, or books related to peace, disarmament, and security issues, and/or to the solution of such problems as starvation, poverty, the plight of refugees, human rights abuses, and environmental degradation shall bring them to the attention of other Solidarity Cities.
 - (v) Bearing in mind the current international situation and the urgency and importance of nuclear disarmament, Solidarity Cities shall hold photographic exhibitions which describe and depict to citizens around the world the actual nature of the devastations wreaked by the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
 - (vi) The cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki shall cooperate by providing necessary exhibition photographs and introducing documentary films, slides, and books, that depict the disaster caused by the atomic bombings.
- (d) To sponsor and organize events as may be necessary to achieve the Purposes stated in the present Covenant.

**CHAPTER III
EXECUTIVE OFFICIALS**

**Executive Officials
ARTICLE 4**

1. Executive Officials of the Organization shall consist of: one President; an appropriate number of Vice-Presidents and Executive Members.
2. The President and the Vice-President shall be elected by Solidarity Cities.
3. The President shall supervise and represent the Organization, and shall chair the Conference.
4. The Vice-President shall assist the President. In case of the inability of the President to carry out the duties of the office, the Vice-President shall fulfill the duties of the President.
5. The Executive Members shall be appointed from Solidarity Cities by the President with regional conditions taken into consideration.
6. The Executive Members shall assist the President and the Vice-President and shall act for the smooth management of the Organization.

**Term of Office
ARTICLE 5**

1. The term of office of the Executive Officials shall be until such time that new Executive Officials are elected at a succeeding General Conference. Each office shall be open to reelection.
2. Whatever the stipulations of previous clauses, if a member-city mayor holding an elected office resigns or retires his or her mayoralty, the succeeding mayor shall assume said office. In such case, the succeeding officer's term shall last as long as the original term of the retiring or resigning officer.

**CHAPTER IV
CONFERENCE**

**General Conference and
Executive Conference
ARTICLE 6**

The Organization shall hold a General Conference and an Executive Conference.

**General Conference
ARTICLE 7**

1. The General Conference shall meet every four years in principle.
2. The General Conference shall be held to achieve the Purposes stated in Article 1 and to decide and approve relevant questions.

Executive Conference
ARTICLE 8

1. The Executive Conference shall consist of the Executive Officials and shall meet when the occasion arises.
2. The Executive Conference shall be authorized to make emergency decisions for the Organization in place of the General Conference with the exception of electing the President and the Vice-President.

Convocation
ARTICLE 9

The General Conference or the Executive Conference shall be convoked by the President.

Voting
ARTICLE 10

1. Each Solidarity City participating in the General Conference or the Executive Conference shall have one vote. In case of absence, each Solidarity City may delegate its vote by proxy to another participating city.
2. Decisions of the Conference on all questions shall be made by a simple majority vote of participating cities. In case of tie votes, the President shall cast a deciding vote.
3. When circumstances render it impossible to hold a Conference, decisions shall be made by votes conveyed in letters to the Secretariat from Solidarity Cities.

CHAPTER V
THE SECRETARIAT

Establishment of the Secretariat
ARTICLE 11

The Secretariat shall be established in the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation to operate the Organization.

Secretariat Staff
ARTICLE 12

1. The Secretariat shall be comprised of a Secretary General and Under-Secretary General, and support-staff.
2. The Chairperson of the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation shall serve as Secretary General.
3. The Executive Director of the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation shall serve as the Under-Secretary General.
4. The staff except the Secretary General and Under-Secretary General shall be appointed by the President.
5. The Secretary General shall preside over the duties of the Secretariat.

6. The Under-Secretary General shall assist the Secretary General. In case of the inability of the Secretary General to carry out the duties of the office, or if the post is vacant, the Under-Secretary General shall fulfill the duties of the Secretary General.

CHAPTER VI SHARE OF EXPENSES

Expenses ARTICLE 13

Expenses required to operate the Secretariat (ordinary expenditure) and expenses required to hold the Conference (extraordinary expenditure) shall be decided by the General Conference on the recommendation of the Executive Conference.

CHAPTER VII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Amendments ARTICLE 14

Amendments to the present Covenant shall come into force upon adoption by a two-thirds majority of the participating cities at the General Conference.

Delegation ARTICLE 15

Decisions required to operate the Secretariat, other than those stipulated in the present Covenant, shall be made by the President.

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