



Mayors for Peace

Secretariat

C/O Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation, 1-2 Nakajima-cho Naka-ku Hiroshima 730-0811 Japan

Phone:81-82-242-7821 Fax:81-82-242-7452 E-mail:mayoroon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp

August 19, 2004

To The Honorable Mayor
Mayors for Peace Member City

Dear Mayor,

Let me begin by thanking you for your ongoing support and kind cooperation with the activities of Mayors for Peace.

As you are aware, last October, Mayors for Peace decided to launch the Emergency Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons advocating a timeframe for achieving a nuclear-weapon-free world, called "2020 Vision" and focusing on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty's review process. This letter is meant to report on the activities and progress of the campaign to date, and on the plans and prospects for the upcoming nine-month period. Please take special notice of the four suggestions for immediate action.

The enclosed one-page Report on the Campaign provides details on the following highlights of the November 2003-July 2004 period:

- The public launching of the Campaign at the Second Citizens Assembly in Nagasaki
- The endorsement of the campaign by the European Parliament
- The Mayoral Delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee Meeting at UN Headquarters
- The call of the U.S. Conference of Mayors for negotiations to eliminate nuclear weapons
- Completion of a 45-minute video, *2020 Vision Campaign*, on the Mayoral Delegation

All these actions matched or exceeded our expectations.

The second one-page summary is on our Campaign Plans for August 2004-May 2005, providing a brief summary of the following internationally coordinated activities:

- A Year of Remembrance and Action for a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World
- Mayoral Statement on the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, Signature Drive
- National Mayoral Delegations to consult with Governments on NPT policy
- The Cities of the World Peace Fair, Central Park, New York City
- A Major Presence of Mayors at the NPT Review Conference

Each of these activities is described in greater detail in a one-page attachment of its own.

Of course the Campaign is not over in early May. Plans to maintain public pressure on the Review Conference throughout May are under development in consultation with others. Exactly what Mayors for Peace will do to mark the culmination of the Year of Remembrance and Action is still undecided, but you can be sure it will be special.

The impact of our Campaign depends critically upon your personal engagement. You can act in the knowledge that your efforts are combining effectively with those of mayors around the world. Please seize this unique opportunity to make a significant difference in how the world deals with the nuclear threat.

Please take time in the coming days to carefully review these materials with your staff. Several items would benefit from your immediate attention:

- **Arrange a premiere showing of *2020Vision* in City Hall or on TV.**
- **Start the International Law Wall in City Hall and Libraries.**
- **Sign the Mayoral Statement and urge fellow mayors to do likewise.**
- **Block off days in late April and early May 2005 for travel to New York.**

One-page action sheets are provided for each of these items. On all other aspects of the Campaign, we will be in touch with you in due course with further details and guidance. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Mayors for Peace Secretariat. I welcome your valuable feedback and creative suggestions at all times.

The 2020Vision Campaign provides an excellent context for strengthening our organization. Indeed, it would be negligent not to exploit this opportunity to expand the Mayors for Peace membership. We could all take special pride in belonging to an organization that is “a thousand strong.” We have set the target of reaching that number prior to May 2005. **Every Mayor who signs the Mayoral Statement and is not already a member of Mayors for Peace should be cordially invited to become a member.** The attached Memorandum describes various options for extending the membership invitations. Together we will become 1000. Thank you.

As the U.S. Conference of Mayors declared, “weapons of mass destruction have no place in a civilized world.” Together we can help the world to break out of the “nuclear security trance” it has been in for far too long and begin the search for security based on international agreements to achieve and maintain a nuclear-weapon-free world.

I close with best wishes for your continued good health and the sound development of your city.

Sincerely,



Tadatoshi Akiba
Mayor of Hiroshima
President, Mayors for Peace



Mayors for Peace

Secretariat

C/O Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation, 1-2 Nakajima-cho Naka-ku Hiroshima 730-0811 Japan

Phone:81-82-242-7821 Fax:81-82-242-7452 E-mail:mayoroon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp

MEMORANDUM

August 19 2004

TO: Mayors for Peace members.

FROM: Mayors for Peace Secretariat

REGARDING:

Membership: passing the 1000 mark by May 2005

The number of cities affiliated with Mayors for Peace has increased steadily over its 22-year history. As of August 2004, the Mayors of 611 cities were members. The organization has set the goal of increasing membership to 1000 cities by May 2005 – an increase of over 50% in just nine months.

As a mayor, you know and often meet other mayors. Among them are some who are not members of Mayors for Peace for the simple reason that no one has ever asked them. One cannot know without asking. As a participant in the 2020 Vision Campaign, you may be asking mayors in your region to sign the Mayoral Statement (please see the Action#3 in this mailing). This will help to revive old contacts and generate new ones – Mayors who share the aspirations of Mayors for Peace. Once a non-member has signed the Mayoral Statement, a follow-up invitation to join Mayors for Peace should be extended without delay.

You can approach the potential new member directly with an affiliation form or by means of an invitation from the President of Mayors for Peace. Affiliation forms can be obtained by email or fax from the Secretariat. Requests for invitation letters should include as much contact information as possible. If you wish, Mayor Akiba will mention your name in the invitation. You will get a copy of the letter and will be encouraged to consider making personal contact with the potential members as follow-up to the letter from Hiroshima.

To check which cities are already members of Mayors for Peace, please visit our website at: <http://www.pcf.city.hiroshima.jp/mayors/english/membercity/index.html>

Our email and fax number are listed in the letterhead. We look forward to hearing from you. And we look forward to celebrating our four-digit membership success in May!

Campaign Report: November 2003 - July 2004

Campaign Launch, Nagasaki, 22 November 2003:

In a speech by Nagasaki Mayor Iccho Itoh before over two thousand participants in the Second Citizen's Assembly for the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, the Campaign was given a rousing launch. Messages came from many international supporters, most notably London Mayor Ken Livingstone, as well as from Hiroshima Mayor Tadatoshi Akiba.

Euro-Parliament Endorsement, Brussels, 26 February 2004:

A resolution by the European Parliament on the European Union's role in the NPT review process expressed its "support for the international Mayors' campaign – initiated by the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki – on nuclear disarmament." A roll call on this operative paragraph revealed large majorities supporting the Campaign in all the political groupings except the very smallest one. The vote totals: 406 for; 55 against.

Mayoral Delegation to the NPT, New York City, 27-28 April 2004:

In the first major milestone of the Emergency Campaign, Mayors for Peace formed a Mayoral Delegation to bring the 2020 Vision Campaign to the awareness of the government officials engaged in the NPT review process. Nine mayors and seven deputy mayors from twelve countries, as well as representatives from five additional U.S. and British cities, took part in two days of intense political activity. Seven members of the Delegation delivered speeches to a plenary session of the NPT Preparatory Committee calling for the total elimination of nuclear weapons by 2020. The Delegation met with top UN officials; with multinational representatives of the Non-Aligned Movement, the European Union, and the New Agenda Coalition; and with Government representatives of the United States, China, Russia, Brazil, and India.

By consistent advocacy of the 2020 Vision, NPT member states were challenged to reconsider the pace and coherence of their faltering step-by-step approach. The dynamism of the Delegation made it clear that Mayors will be major presence in 2005. To that end, the Delegation met with New York City Councilors and with many NGO activists. The work of the Mayoral Delegation is recorded in a comprehensive report and was captured on video.

U.S. Conference of Mayors Resolution, Boston, 27 June 2004:

Three U.S. members of Mayors for Peace submitted a resolution to the U.S. Conference of Mayors' annual meeting. The resolution, citing the 2020 Vision, "calls upon the U.S. President to support a decision by the 2005 NPT Review Conference to commence negotiations on the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons." It was adopted by acclamation.

"2020 Vision Campaign; Mayors for Peace" video completed, New York, 9 July 2004

The work of the Mayoral Delegation has documented by Halo Co. Ideas in a broadcast-quality 45-minute video program. A two-minute preview is on the Mayors for Peace website, and there is a five-minute "coming attraction" for busy mayors to view. The video follows the Mayoral Delegation through its two days of work at the United Nations, New York City Hall, and the 9/11 ground zero. Three 'tangents' are devoted to Hibakusha, Youth, and the World Peace Fair. The hopeful 2020 Vision is contrasted with the melted lens of glasses from an elderly victim of the Hiroshima atomic bombing. Mayor Akiba envisions "a world where something like this can never happen again." *2020 Vision* is available to members of Mayors for Peace without charge.

Campaign Plans: August 2004 - May 2005

See the attached one-page sheets for more detailed descriptions of each major activity.

Year of Remembrance and Action for a Nuclear Weapon Free World; Aug'04- Aug'05

In anticipation of the 60th Anniversary, people everywhere are being asked to engage in activity that remembers Hiroshima and Nagasaki and upholds the vision of a nuclear-weapon-free world. During "The Year," Mayors can reach out effectively to other public figures – actors, artists, athletes, scholars, scientists, etc. – and involve them in the nuclear-weapon-free-world movement. Television can be encouraged to contribute by showing the *2020 Vision* video and young people by helping to build the Protective Wall of International Law.

Mayoral Statement Signature Drive, Aug'04 – Jan'05

Mayors for Peace believes Heads of Government should assume direct responsibility for the all-important NPT Review Conference. A statement to that end, based on the U.S. Conference of Mayors resolution, is being circulated for signature by mayors in countries around the world. Mayors can sign it and promote it with their counterparts in other cities. The signature drive will be wound up in early January so that the international results will be available for use by the National Mayoral Delegations.

National Mayoral Delegations Consult with Governments, January-February'05

It must be brought to the attention of Heads of Government that mayors are calling on them to act at the NPT Review Conference. In many countries, a National Mayoral Delegation will be formed to present the Mayoral Statement signed by their fellow mayors. The Delegation will be able to refer to the international results of the drive as well. Since the Government will still be preparing for the Review Conference, these consultations can help to shape its policy there. To that end, the Delegation will also visit the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and of Defense and Parliament.

Cities of the World Peace Fair, Central Park, New York, 1 May 2005

The Great Lawn of Central Park will be turned into a huge map of the world upon which hundreds of cities, large and small, will display their culture of music, dance, art, cuisine, and Peace. Mayors for Peace will link up participating cities with neighborhoods throughout Greater New York to make it both a truly international and a truly New York event. There will be "regional" stages and a "global" stage that features major performing artists. With the International Law Wall winding through the Peace Fair, the unifying theme will be a nuclear-weapon-free future.

Major Presence of Mayors at the NPT Review Conference, UN Headquarters, 2-4 May'05

Having called upon Heads of Government to attend the Review Conference, Mayors will be out in force to hear them speak at the open session. The Mayors will hold a conference of their own the following day; during the lunch, diplomats will be invited to join them. On the third day, Mayors of some of the world's largest cities will address a plenary session of the Review Conference. Mayors should plan on arriving in New York before the Peace Fair and staying for at least the first two days of the Review Conference.

Year of Remembrance and Action for a Nuclear Weapon Free World

The 60th Anniversaries of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings draw nearer. The sole desire of the too-rapidly aging survivors – the Hibakusha – is that the world set itself firmly on the course to a nuclear-weapon-free future. Everyone else in the world who shares this desire can public declare their solidarity by becoming part of the Year of Remembrance and Action for a Nuclear- Weapon-Free World. Anyone intending to take part in an activity (even just one) that advances the cause of a nuclear-weapon-free world should register with The Year.

Through Mayors for Peace membership, all affiliated cities are part of The Year. To document that Mayors for Peace is doing its share, cities are encouraged to report in to the Secretariat on their planned activities and their results. Aside from the internationally coordinated campaign activities, Mayors for Peace can recommend three local activities that Mayors can undertake as superb contributions to The Year. This brief selection is not meant to exclude other worthy projects, such as parades, concerts, symposia, athletic events, or art competitions.

“2020 Vision Campaign; Mayors for Peace”

The *2020 Vision* video features the Hibakusha as well as the Mayoral Delegation that went to the United Nations to lobby the NPT review process. Mayors can encourage local and national broadcast and cable television stations to air it, and it can also be shown at citizen meetings and related events. It’s 45-minute length leaves time for the local Mayor to introduce the video, or to be interviewed following the showing.

Mayors for Peace will honor the request of any Mayor for a free copy of the video, and we encourage you to make copies. (At this time the video is available only in English. We would be glad to get practical assistance for translation.) We want people everywhere to be inspired by the leadership of mayors.

The Protective Wall of International Law

German youth are building a beautiful wall in Heidelberg out of thousands of small individually signed and decorated blocks. Their International Law Campaign has agreed that during The Year, the Wall will be dedicated to the abolition of nuclear weapon. In turn, Mayors for Peace has agreed to help them “spread” the Wall to cities around the world.

A start-up packet can be ordered from Heidelberg; a bare-bones web-packet is also available. The start-up packet includes “cornerstone” blocks from the original Heidelberg Wall as well as blank blocks for the Mayor and other public figures to sign and decorate to get the Wall started. Blocks can be ordered in large numbers, or manufactured according to specifications in the web-packet.

Peace activists, especially youth, can set up pieces of the Wall in public places where everyone can have a chance to add a block – and make voluntary contributions for local activities relating to The Year. In April 2005, Walls from around world will be assembled into one long Wall winding through the Cities of the World Peace Fair. In August 2005, the Wall will reunite in Hiroshima and Nagasaki for the 60th Anniversary of the atomic bombings.

Invite Leading Public Figures to become part of The Year

The involvement of “average” citizens is what makes a movement. But to ensure media attention, the movement needs the participation of well-known public figures, celebrities, and eminent personalities. Mayors are encouraged to invite outstanding individuals who live in or visit their city – be this from the arts, athletics, or academia – to be part of The Year. In no time there will be a roster of friends who can help to draw attention to our activities.

Mayors' Statement for Nuclear-Weapon-Free-World; Aug. 2004 – Jan. 2005

The profound crisis gripping the international nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament regime calls for the attention and leadership of Heads of Government. The U.S. Conference of Mayors has recently called upon the U.S. President to do just that. Mayors for Peace is launching an international effort that builds upon the resolve of the U.S. Mayors.

The June 2005 annual meeting the U.S. Conference of Mayors adopted a resolution citing the 2020 Vision of Mayors for Peace and resolving “to call upon the U.S. President to support a decision by the 2005 NPT Review Conference to commence negotiation on the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons.” Rather than re-invent the wheel, Mayor for Peace has decided to ask Mayors worldwide simply to concur with the full text of that succinct resolution and to match its demand in terms of their own Head of Government. The text of the statement can be found on the reverse side.

The Mayoral Statement is drafted so that Mayors in any country in the world can sign it. In the United States, it is a means for a mayor to individually underscore his/her support for the stand taken by the US Conference of Mayors as his/her representative organization. And, since the U.S. Conference of Mayors membership consists of cities with populations over 30,000, the statement is also a way for smaller cities and towns to add their voices. In cities governed by City Councils, the statement can be adopted in the form of a Council resolution. (Mayors for Peace members are not required to sign the statement, nor does signing the statement imply an intention to join the organization.)

Even Mayors in states not members of the NPT can sign the Mayoral Statement. In India, Israel, and Pakistan, the effect of the statement would be to call upon the Head of Government to express his/her support for positive action by the Review Conference; the logical implication being that if the NPT members decided to initiate global negotiations, the non-member state would be willing to participate in them. Ideally this desire would be stated explicitly prior to the NPT Review Conference.

Mayors for Peace is calling upon member Mayors to be active in the signature drive for this statement. The drive will continue until 10 January 2005, at which point National Mayoral Delegations will begin transmit the results to the Heads of Government. Mayors for Peace will track the progress of the drive and make sure that the international results are available to the National Mayoral Delegations, so Heads of Government will know that their counterparts in other countries are also being asked to step forward and take action.

Practical notes: The Mayoral Statement on the reverse side of this sheet is addressed to “the Head of Government of my country.” While you are free to use this formulation, you may prefer to replace this general title with the proper title of your Head of Government. If you wish to do this electronically, send the proper title to mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp and the Mayors for Peace Secretariat will reply with a corrected Word document version. Assistance with translation of the statement into languages other than English would also be greatly appreciated.

National Mayoral Delegations to consult with Governments, Jan.-Feb. 2005

To reinforce the message of the Mayoral Statement, National Mayoral Delegations will convey the signatures of the nation's Mayors by hand to the Head of Government. He/She will be asked to take personal responsibility for the nation's policy regarding the NPT Review Conference. Indeed, the National Mayoral Delegation will strongly urge that the Head of Government lead the nation's delegation to the Conference and speak at its opening session.

The case for head of Government participation is compelling. NPT Review Conferences occur on a five-year cycle. Normally, foreign ministers open these four-week sessions; and then leave the rest of the work to their diplomats. This worked perfectly well when the member states met last, in 2000. Unfortunately, the current five-year period has been anything but normal. There is a litany of proliferation controversies associated with countries such as North Korea, Iraq, Iran, Libya, and Pakistan. And – particularly unnerving to cities – terrorists appear intent upon acquiring weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons. There are reasons enough for Heads of Government to open the 2005 Review Conference.

But the crisis is further compounded by the persistent efforts of some of the nuclear-weapon states to dismiss the urgency of fulfilling the disarmament part of the NPT bargain: eliminating their own nuclear arsenals. Much of the progress made in the 2000 Review has been reversed. As a result, the intergovernmental process of preparing for the 2005 Review has been derailed – the Review will not have a single substantive recommendation to build upon.

The personal leadership of the Heads of Government at the Review Conference may be the only means of salvaging the situation. A decision to initiate negotiations on a comprehensive program for achieving and maintaining a nuclear-weapon-free world would be a tremendous breakthrough. The National Mayoral Delegation will press this point and assure the Head of Government that Mayors are mobilizing to be there in person to support him/her. He/she can also be invited to speak at the World Peace Fair the day before the Review Conference.

The National Mayoral Delegation will consist of a limited number – anywhere from four to eight – of the many Mayoral Statement signatories. It will include some of the largest cities among the signatories. It will convene in the capital for a day of intensive activity. The Delegation will also meet with top officials in Foreign Affairs Ministry and Defense Ministry. It will hold a session with parliamentarians and conduct a press conference. Time permitting, Delegation members will participate in a public meeting sponsored by non-governmental organizations.

The second half of January and February is when Governments begin to formulate the policies that they will advocate in May at the Review Conference. In every policy discussion, there is a tension between what one feels ought to be done and what one judges can be done. The latter depends largely on the political climate. The Mayoral Delegation will seek to demonstrate that the domestic and international climate is favorable for bold action.

The Mayors for Peace Secretariat stands ready to assist National Mayoral Delegations. Expert briefing papers will be available in December. The Delegations are asked to report on the results of their meetings with Government officials as promptly and fully as possible.

The Cities of the World Peace Fair, 1 May 2005

The Great Lawn in Central Park, New York, will be transformed into an international fairground on Sunday, 1 May 2005, the day preceding the opening of the NPT Review Conference. The Cities of the World Peace Fair will be laid out like a giant map of the world with hundred of cities on it. Cities will have stalls, kiosks, and tents where they can present their work to promote peace within their cities and nations, and between cities and nations. On regional stages, performing groups will display their culture's music, dance, and theatre. On the global stage, top acts from around the world will entertain, and world renown personalities, Mayors, and perhaps several Heads of Governments will speak of a nuclear-weapon-free future and peace.

Winding its way through the Fair, the Wall of International Law will vividly express the desire of citizens everywhere for peace and justice. Assembled from stretches of Wall built in cities around the world, it will also symbolize the unity behind the demand for a nuclear-weapon-free world, a keystone for the construction of a worldwide culture of non-violence. After the Fair, pieces of the Wall will be taken home to cities that have not yet started their Walls. In August, to commemorate the culmination of the Year of Remembrance and Action, all the city Walls will be reassembled in Hiroshima and Nagasaki to form two great Walls encircling the original Ground Zeros – areas of maximum damage in 1945.

Preparations for the Peace Fair will be an exercise in international cooperation. Neighborhood communities in Greater New York will be matched up with visiting cities. Visitor will be invited to come a day or two early to New York as honored guests in their designated community. Community events will be organized, promoting the Fair. Wherever possible, ethnic cultures will be matched up so that visiting and local artists can collaborate in performances before and at the Fair. Community restaurants will provide tastes of ethnic cuisines at the Fair. A great turnout of New Yorkers will show that New York is, indeed, the Peace Capital of the World

Many cities in the United States and around the world participate in sister cities programs. The Fair will be an excellent opportunity to deepen their relationships. Each U.S. sister city can join forces with the visiting city to display their peace work and culture. They can also assist the New York host community. In this way the entire nation, not just New York, will be welcoming the visitors.

While an event of this nature is bound to attract the attention of the news media, a special effort will be made to ensure that international media, which normally cover little more than the United Nations and Wall Street, are fully informed on what the Fair will have to offer. Interviews will be arranged for Mayors who participate with their cities in the Fair. The Fair will provide a lively and impressive backdrop. It will be an excellent opportunity to convey to a diverse worldwide audience the great potential of the NPT Review Conference and how to help realize it, if at all possible, in the coming weeks.

The organizational and financial arrangements for the Fair are not yet complete. When the conditions and provisions for participation have been fully established, there will be a further communication on this exciting aspect of the Campaign. Mayors for Peace welcomes creative suggestions on all aspects of the Fair.

A Major Presence of Mayors at the NPT Review Conference, 2-4 May 2005

The Seventh Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will open on 2 May 2005 and continue for four weeks until 27 May. Obviously Mayors will not stay in New York for that entire period. Indeed, few will be able to stay away from their cities for more than a few days.

Mayors will attend the first day of the Conference in force not only to express their appreciation for the Heads of Government who have come to speak, but also to hear what they have to say. An important measure of success of the Campaign will be how many Heads of Government, or other Heads of Delegation, declare their countries ready to join in launching international negotiations on the achievement and maintenance of a nuclear-weapon-free world. But they will also take note of who is silent on this matter and who speaks against it. This information will be crucial for the Campaign activity during the later weeks of the Conference.

On the second day of the Review Conference, Mayors and other city representatives will hold a conference of their own at the UN. It will be a chance to refine plans to further influencing the Review Conference's in the coming weeks and to prepare for the culmination of the Year of Remembrance and Action with commemorations of the 60th Anniversaries of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Diplomats will be invited to join the Mayors meeting during the Review Conference's two-hour lunch break. About an hour will be for Mayors from some of the larger cities to speak to the diplomats, impressing upon them the determination of the cities to end the threat of nuclear destruction. The other hour will be spent in dialogue on how to address the possible reluctance of some states to begin negotiations for a nuclear-weapon-free world.

On the third or fourth day of the Review Conference when the General Debate has been concluded, a plenary session will be held to hear from the non-governmental organizations active in nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament issues. As these presentations become part of the official record of the Conference, it is vital that they be prepared carefully, well in advance to the Conference. Through close cooperation and prior consultation, the "NGOs" produce a list of about a dozen topics/speakers. Given the prominent role of Mayors on these issues recently, it is likely that several speaking slots will be accorded to Mayors prepared to speak on some of the agreed topics.

On the third day of the Review Conference, Mayors for Peace will organize top-level delegations to meet with the five nuclear-weapon states in the NPT as well as several other key countries. The full scope of services that Mayors for Peace will offer Mayors or Deputy Mayors during these days is not yet finalized. It will most likely include assistance with scheduling meetings with national delegations, and press conferences and interviews for Mayors to report on newsworthy developments.

**MAYORAL STATEMENT IN SUPPORT FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF
NEGOTIATIONS ON THE ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

I, _____, Mayor of _____
concur with the following resolution adopted by acclamation on 28
June 2004 by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, which represents over
one thousand of the largest cities in the United States:

**SUPPORT FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF
NEGOTIATIONS ON THE ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

1. WHEREAS, as long as nuclear weapons exist, cities around the world will be vulnerable to instantaneous devastation on a scale exceeding even that experienced by Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945; and
2. WHEREAS, a nuclear war would devastate many cities, an accidental missile launch would devastate several cities, and use of a nuclear weapon by terrorists would devastate a city; and
3. WHEREAS, any nuclear attack would obliterate City Hall and all emergency response mechanisms rendering any city "planning" for such a disaster utterly futile; and
4. WHEREAS, the world's foremost line of defense against nuclear dangers is the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) which is currently in its seventh review cycle, with all parties to the treaty scheduled to meet next May to ensure that the treaty is being fully implemented; and
5. WHEREAS, all other weapons of mass destruction have been prohibited by international agreement and are being eliminated under international control, and the nuclear-weapon states party to the NPT have undertaken to pursue negotiations in good faith on nuclear disarmament; and
6. WHEREAS, the International Court of Justice unanimously found in 1996 that all states were obliged to "bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control;" and
7. WHEREAS, the World Conference of Mayors for Peace has launched an international campaign calling on the 2005 NPT Review Conference to launch negotiations on the elimination of nuclear weapons, to be concluded by 2010 and fully implemented by 2020, also known as the 2020 Vision; and
8. WHEREAS, weapons of mass destruction have no place in a civilized world,
9. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the U.S. Conference of Mayors calls upon the U.S. President to support a decision by the 2005 NPT Review Conference to commence negotiations on the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons and nuclear-weapon-related materials, and
10. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the U.S. Conference of Mayors shall remain engaged in this matter until our cities are no longer under the threat of nuclear devastation.

I, hereby, call upon the Head of Government of my country to support a decision by the 2005 NPT Review Conference to initiate negotiations on the achievement and maintenance of a nuclear-weapon-free world.

(Signed) _____

**MAYORAL STATEMENT IN SUPPORT FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF
NEGOTIATIONS ON THE ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

I, _____, Mayor of _____ concur with the following resolution adopted by acclamation on 28 June 2004 by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, which represents over one thousand of the largest cities in the United States:

**SUPPORT FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF
NEGOTIATIONS ON THE ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

1. WHEREAS, as long as nuclear weapons exist, cities around the world will be vulnerable to instantaneous devastation on a scale exceeding even that experienced by Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945; and
2. WHEREAS, a nuclear war would devastate many cities, an accidental missile launch would devastate several cities, and use of a nuclear weapon by terrorists would devastate a city; and
3. WHEREAS, any nuclear attack would obliterate City Hall and all emergency response mechanisms rendering any city "planning" for such a disaster utterly futile; and
4. WHEREAS, the world's foremost line of defense against nuclear dangers is the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) which is currently in its seventh review cycle, with all parties to the treaty scheduled to meet next May to ensure that the treaty is being fully implemented; and
5. WHEREAS, all other weapons of mass destruction have been prohibited by international agreement and are being eliminated under international control, and the nuclear-weapon states party to the NPT have undertaken to pursue negotiations in good faith on nuclear disarmament; and
6. WHEREAS, the International Court of Justice unanimously found in 1996 that all states were obliged to "bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control;" and
7. WHEREAS, the World Conference of Mayors for Peace has launched an international campaign calling on the 2005 NPT Review Conference to launch negotiations on the elimination of nuclear weapons, to be concluded by 2010 and fully implemented by 2020, also known as the 2020 Vision; and
8. WHEREAS, weapons of mass destruction have no place in a civilized world,
9. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the U.S. Conference of Mayors calls upon the U.S. President to support a decision by the 2005 NPT Review Conference to commence negotiations on the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons and nuclear-weapon-related materials, and**
10. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the U.S. Conference of Mayors shall remain engaged in this matter until our cities are no longer under the threat of nuclear devastation.

I, hereby, join in calling upon the U.S. President to support a decision by the 2005 NPT Review Conference to commence negotiations on the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons and nuclear-weapon-related materials; and personally resolve to remain engaged in this matter until my city is no longer under the threat of nuclear devastation.

(Signed) _____

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION #1

Arrange public showing of 2020 Vision Campaign

Video documentary of the Mayoral Delegation to the NPT, April 2004

As a first step in our Emergency Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons, in support of the timeframe for achieving a nuclear-weapon-free world, called "2020 Vision", Mayors for Peace brought a mayoral delegation of 16 mayors and deputy mayors from 12 countries to attend the NPT Review Preparatory Committee meeting held at UN Headquarters in New York last April. Seven representatives of the delegation delivered speeches before a meeting the NPT member states calling for the total abolition of nuclear weapons, and there were individual meetings with UN Undersecretary-General Abe and with national government representatives, including the Non-Aligned Movement countries, European Union, Russia, China and Brazil. We sought to present as strongly as possible our citizens' demand for the total elimination of nuclear weapons. We also built ties with City Councilors of New York City and with NGOs to expand our network for a nuclear weapon free world.

As mentioned in the Campaign Report, we have produced a video featuring the work of the Mayoral Delegation in New York. It includes footage related to the atomic bombings as well as testimony of A-bomb survivors from Hiroshima and Nagasaki. (English, main edition: 44 minutes; introductory edition: 5 minutes; promotional edition: 2 minutes.)

We are happy to distribute this video for free and hope you will find a way to have it shown in your city. Our hope is that this video will:

- Encourage mayors to attend the NPT Review Conference in May 2005.
 - If you are wondering whether to attend the 2005 NPT Review Conference, please watch the video. It should resolve your indecision. You can also utilize this video to help your citizens understand why your presence at the Review Conference in New York is so important. If the 44-minute version is shown in a one-hour slot, there is time for you to take part in the broadcast before and/or after it is shown.
- Arouse international public demand for the total elimination of nuclear weapons.
 - Please promote the showing the video at every appropriate setting in your city. The Mayors for Peace initiative for the abolition of nuclear weapons is presented clearly and powerfully. It inspires people to be more engaged.

If you are interested in receiving the video, please let us know by email or fax the following information. We will send it out as soon as we receive your request.

- **Name and address of the person to whom we should send it. Please also include the telephone and fax numbers of the recipient.**
- **Preferred format (VHS, DVD)**
- **Preferred types (NTSC, PAL, SECAM or others).**

Translation of the video into other languages is best done in the country in question. While Mayors for Peace cannot provide financial assistance at this time, we can provide the script of the video and a version ready for new voiceovers and subtitles.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION #2

Youth: The Protective Wall of International Law

Dedicated during “The Year” to Nuclear-Weapon Abolition

Mayors for Peace was not the only new presence at the final preparatory meeting for the NPT Review Conference last April. A group of young people from Heidelberg, Germany, impressed delegates and observers with their dedication to preserving and strengthening International Law and their eye-catching 70-meter long symbolic Wall ‘grown’ block-by-block with the help of 17,000 people.

In the course of observing the NPT preparatory meeting, the youth came to realize the importance of tackling the ultimate form of violence and disrespect for international law and human rights: nuclear weapons. They presented a piece of their “growing peoples monument for international law” to the Mayor of Hiroshima expressing their desire to have it grow in places all over the world. Mayor Akiba recognized in this project an excellent means of involving youth in the 2020 Vision Campaign and the Year of Remembrance and Action. So a “mutual pact” was reached: **during The Year, the Wall will be dedicated to the cause of nuclear-weapon abolition and all members of Mayors for Peace will be urged to help to start up a Wall in their city.**

Would you be willing to ‘lay the cornerstone’ of a Wall in your city by being the first to sign and decorate a block? Local youth, peace activists, and other concerned civil-society groups can take it from there. Pieces of the Wall can be grown on city corners, where individuals stopping to sign and decorate one of the small wood blocks will learn more about the International Law Campaign, its Open Letter, and other 2020 Vision Campaign activities. As it grows longer, the Wall should be installed indoors in public spaces such as City Hall or public libraries. The Wall’s great flexibility – it can even go up and down stairs – makes it easy to install and visually attractive.

It is hoped that voluntary contributions made by those adding their blocks to the Wall will help to fund local activities during The Year, including your city’s participation in the World Peace Fair. At the Fair all the Walls being built in cities around the world will come together to make one very long Wall, symbolizing the world’s unity in the search for a nuclear weapon-free and peaceful future.

Please pass on this practical information to those in your city who you think might be willing to sustain this project once you have initiated it. The Mayors for Peace Secretariat may be able to put you in touch with potential “Wall builders.”

The youth group, “**Aktion-Volkerrecht**” (action for international law), can provide a Wall start-up package that includes one thousand wood blocks, subscription forms, and all further paraphernalia. It is sent out without charge; in return, they hope that about 550 Euros (\$600) can be collected and donated to their group so that more blocks can be produced and sent to other cities. Alternatively, instructions for manufacture the blocks and constructing the Wall can be found at their website: <http://www.a-vr.org> . Other Contact Information: FAX: +49-6221-41-82-00 Email: join-in@a-vr.org.

Their website is set up so that everyone can track the growing participation of people and cities in the Wall around the world in real time!

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION #3

Circulating the Mayoral Statement to colleagues in your region.

The complete text of the Statement is on the reverse side of this sheet.

The signature drive for the Mayoral Statement can only be considered a major success if we manage to reach a wider circle of Mayors than those already associated with Mayors for Peace. The Statement has been designed to be politically straightforward. The bulk of the Statement already has the endorsement of an organization representing over one thousand U.S. cities, including all the largest ones, and their resolution is clear, constructive, and timely. The operative section of the Statement merely asks the signer to affirm that they are willing to go as far with their own Government as the U.S. Mayors have with theirs. Few Mayors will find that problematic. Most will be only too glad to express solidarity by reciprocating.

No matter how easy it is to sign, collecting the signatures will require some effort. Please kindly consider taking some or all of the following steps.

- (1) Have copies made of the Statement; be sure to sign one yourself!
- (2) Write to a list of colleagues inviting them to join you in signing the Statement.
- (3) Devote some time to follow-up telephone calls; especially to busy, big-city Mayors.
- (4) Inform the Mayors for Peace Secretariat of the results of your efforts.

The Secretariat stands ready to help with each of these tasks.*

Results obtained by November can be folded into planning for a National Mayoral Delegation to the capital for consultation in late January and February. (Helping with the signature drive does not entail a commitment to deliver it, but if this interests you, please see the description of that activity in the Campaign Plans.)

The drive will wind down on January 10th. The following week, the U.S. Conference of Mayors will be holding its annual Washington meeting. Its participants will be informed of the widespread international support for its 2004 resolution.

* The Mayoral Statement is addressed to “the Head of Government of my country.” While there is nothing wrong with using this formulation, you may be preferred to replace this general title with the proper title of your Head of Government. To do this electronically, send the proper title to mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp and the Mayors for Peace Secretariat will reply with a corrected Word document version.

The Statement does not address the Head of Government by name because the action called for is in the future. If there should be a change in Head of Government prior the NPT Review Conference, the relevance of the statement will continue to apply.

Assistance with translation of the statement into languages other than English and Japanese would be greatly appreciated by the Secretariat.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION #3

Circulating the Mayoral Statement to colleagues in your region.

The complete text of the Statement is on the reverse side of this sheet.

The Mayoral Statement signature drive has a special character in the United States. Since the U.S. Conference of Mayors has already spoken on behalf of the 1000 largest cities, the immense task of reaffirming that position mayor-by-mayor is not worth the effort. There are, however, two ways that U.S. cities can support the Mayoral Statement.

First, at home. There are thousands of smaller cities (under 30,000) that are not represented by the U.S. Conference of Mayors. They should have an opportunity to express their support. It should be a straightforward matter for most Mayors to align themselves with this prestigious organization's position.

Second, abroad. Many U.S. cities have sister cities. In some cases the sister city is already a members of Mayors for Peace and may have already signed the Mayoral Statement. But in many cases, they would be very receptive of a request for solidarity coming form the United States.

No matter how easy it is to sign, collecting the signatures will require some effort. Please kindly consider taking some or all of the following steps.

- (1) Have copies made of the US version of the Statement; be sure to sign one yourself!
- (2) Write to a list of colleagues from smaller cities inviting them to join you in signing the U.S. version* of the Mayoral Statement.
- (3) Write to your sister-city mayor(s) bring to his attention the international version* of the Mayoral Statement.
- (4) Devote some time to local follow-up telephone calls; your sister cities program can probably help out with the international follow-up.
- (5) Inform the Mayors for Peace Secretariat of the results of your efforts.

The Secretariat stands ready to help with each of these tasks.

The drive will wind up on January 10th. The following week, the U.S. Conference of Mayors will be holding its annual Washington meeting. Its participants will be informed of the widespread national and international support for its 2004 resolution.

* The U.S. version of the Statement iterates the USCM operative paragraphs verbatim. The international version paraphrases the first operative paragraph. It is not identical because some mayors may prefer showing a slight degree of independence from the U.S. position even when it happens to be a perfectly good one. Note also: the international version of Mayoral Statement is addressed to "the Head of Government of my country." While this formulation could be used, it would probably be better to replace this general title with the proper title of each sister city's Head of Government. To do this electronically, send the proper title(s) to mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp and the Mayors for Peace Secretariat will reply with a corrected Word document version. Assistance with translation of the resolution into languages other than English and Japanese would be greatly appreciated by the Secretariat.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION #4

Reserving dates to be in New York in late April and early May

Core dates: 1 May, World Peace Fair; May 2-3, NPT Review Conference

At this stage in the planning process, it is clear that the first three days in May will be a watershed period for the 2020 Vision Campaign. We sincerely hope that you can be with us at this crucial time. Of course, the many demands on your time do not make it easy for you to be out of town often, or for a long time. But the chances that you will be able to get away will be improved if you, today, block off the crucial dates on your calendar. To start with, **please reserve 29 April to 5 May** and the required travel time from and back to your city.

With a little bit of luck, you will be able to prevent too much incursion on this time block. These dates will allow you to recover a bit from your travels; to participate in events in your Greater New York host community before the World Peace Fair; and to lend support to Non-Governmental Organizations when they make their presentation to the NPT member states. There will be several mayors among the presenters – perhaps you if you are interested.

If as the time approaches you find you cannot be away for the full period, then please do everything you can to **keep the core dates free** (plus travel time):

1 May, the Cities of the World Peace Fair will, most likely, be an all day event. If you are coming to New York, you will not want to disappoint those who visit your city's booth, kiosk, or pavilion. Please plan on being there at least part of the day, so we can alert the media to your presence there. You will have a chance to speak on the regional stage, and perhaps on the global stage as well.

2 May, the opening day of the NPT Review Conference will feature an address by the UN Secretary General and the first day of the General Debate in which the Heads of Delegation speak. There will be many Foreign Ministers and, we are hoping, Heads of Government in leading their delegations. We want them to know that cities from around the world, and their own country, are closely monitoring everything they say.

3 May, mayors will hold our own meeting at the UN to evaluate the prospects for the Review Conference and how public attention can be kept focused upon it. Diplomats will be invited to join the mayors, during the General Debate's two-hour lunch recess. This will be the best opportunity to convey our message collectively to the delegates, and for them to respond.

Please see the one-page Campaign Plans on the "Cities of the World Peace Fair" and the "Major Presence of Mayor at the NPT Review Conference" for further details. As our planning progresses on all these events, we will keep you fully informed. **Please let the Mayors for Peace Secretariat know what days you are able reserve.**

Our modest target is to have over one hundred mayors in New York in May. It is hard to say at this stage how far we may exceed that goal. And certainly there will be many more cities represented by officials other than the Mayor.

PEACE DECLARATION

August 6, 2004

“Nothing will grow for 75 years.” Fifty-nine years have passed since the August sixth when Hiroshima was so thoroughly obliterated that many succumbed to such doom. Dozens of corpses still bearing the agony of that day, souls torn abruptly from their loved ones and their hopes for the future, have recently re-surfaced on Ninoshima Island, warning us to beware the utter inhumanity of the atomic bombing and the gruesome horror of war.

Unfortunately, the human race still lacks both a lexicon capable of fully expressing that disaster and sufficient imagination to fill the gap. Thus, most of us float idly in the current of the day, clouding with self-indulgence the lens of reason through which we should be studying the future, blithely turning our backs on the courageous few.

As a result, the egocentric worldview of the U.S. government is reaching extremes. Ignoring the United Nations and its foundation of international law, the U.S. has resumed research to make nuclear weapons smaller and more “usable.” Elsewhere, the chains of violence and retaliation know no end: reliance on violence-amplifying terror and North Korea, among others, buying into the worthless policy of “nuclear insurance” are salient symbols of our times.

We must perceive and tackle this human crisis within the context of human history. In the year leading up to the 60th anniversary, which begins a new cycle of rhythms in the interwoven fabric that binds humankind and nature, we must return to our point of departure, the unprecedented A-bomb experience. In the coming year, we must sow the seeds of new hope and cultivate a strong future-oriented movement.

To that end, the city of Hiroshima, along with the Mayors for Peace and our 611 member cities in 109 countries and regions, hereby declares the period beginning today and lasting until August 9, 2005, to be a Year of Remembrance and Action for a Nuclear-Free World. Our goal is to bring forth a beautiful “flower” for the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings, namely, the total elimination of all nuclear weapons from the face of the Earth by the year 2020. Only then will we have truly resurrected hope for life on this “nothing will grow” planet.

The seeds we sow today will sprout in May 2005. At the Review Conference for the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) to be held in New York, the Emergency Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons will bring together cities, citizens, and NGOs from around the world to work with like-minded nations toward adoption of an action program that incorporates, as an interim goal, the signing in 2010 of a Nuclear Weapons Convention to serve as the framework for eliminating nuclear weapons by 2020.

Around the world, this Emergency Campaign is generating waves of support. This past February, the European Parliament passed by overwhelming majority a resolution specifically supporting the Mayors for Peace campaign. At its general assembly in June, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, representing 1183 U.S. cities, passed by acclamation an even stronger resolution.

We anticipate that Americans, a people of conscience, will follow the lead of their mayors and form the mainstream of support for the Emergency Campaign as an expression of their love for humanity and desire to discharge their duty as the lone superpower to eliminate nuclear weapons.

We are striving to communicate the message of the *hibakusha* around the world and promote the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Course to ensure, especially, that future generations will understand the inhumanity of nuclear weapons and the cruelty of war. In addition, during the coming year, we will implement a project that will mobilize adults to read eyewitness accounts of the atomic bombings to children everywhere.

The Japanese government, as our representative, should defend the Peace Constitution, of which all Japanese should be proud, and work diligently to rectify the trend toward open acceptance of war and nuclear weapons increasingly prevalent at home and abroad. We demand that our government act on its obligation as the only A-bombed nation and become the world leader for nuclear weapons abolition, generating an anti-nuclear *tsunami* by fully and enthusiastically supporting the Emergency Campaign led by the Mayors for Peace. We further demand more generous relief measures to meet the needs of our aging *hibakusha*, including those living overseas and those exposed in black rain areas.

Rekindling the memory of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we pledge to do everything in our power during the coming year to ensure that the 60th anniversary of the atomic bombings will see a budding of hope for the total abolition of nuclear weapons. We humbly offer this pledge for the peaceful repose of all atomic bomb victims.

Tadatoshi Akiba
Mayor
The City of Hiroshima

Nagasaki Peace Declaration (2004)

[Draft English Translation]

How many people in the world now remember that fateful day? At 11:02 a.m. on August 9, fifty-nine years ago, the city of Nagasaki was instantly transformed into ruins by a single atomic bomb dropped from an American warplane, killing some 74,000 people and wounding 75,000. Today, Nagasaki's verdant cityscape attracts visitors from around the world, and its residents maintain a distinctive set of traditions and culture. Nevertheless, the city's increasingly elderly atomic bomb survivors continue to suffer from the after-effects of the bombing as well as from health problems induced by the stress of their experience. We the citizens of Nagasaki call upon the world with a renewed sense of urgency, even as we reflect upon the intense suffering of those who have already perished.

We call upon the citizens of the United States to look squarely at the reality of the tragedies that have unfolded in the wake of the atomic bombings 59 years ago. The International Court of Justice has clearly stated in an advisory opinion that the threat of nuclear weapons or their use is generally contrary to international law. Notwithstanding, the US government continues to possess and maintain approximately 10,000 nuclear weapons, and is conducting an ongoing program of subcritical nuclear testing. In addition, the so-called mini nuclear weapons that are the subject of new development efforts are intended to deliver truly horrific levels of force. In terms of the radioactivity that such weapons would release, there would be no difference compared to the bomb dropped on Nagasaki. So long as the world's leading superpower fails to change its posture of dependence on nuclear weapons, it is clear that the tide of nuclear proliferation cannot be stemmed. People of America: The path leading to the eventual survival of the human race unequivocally requires the elimination of nuclear arms. The time has come to join hands and embark upon this path.

We call upon the peoples of the world to recognize how scant is the value repeatedly being placed on human life, evidenced by events such as the war in Iraq and outbreaks of terrorism. Wisdom must prevail, and we must join together in enhancing and reinforcing the functions of the United Nations in order to resolve international conflicts, not by military force, but through concerted diplomatic efforts. Next year will be the 60th anniversary of the atomic bombings, coinciding with the 2005 NPT Review Conference to be held at UN headquarters. With the approach of the coming year, let there be a convergence among the citizens of the world, NGOs, and all concerned parties who desire peace, so that the way may be opened for the elimination of those symbols of inhumanity known as nuclear weapons.

We call upon the government of Japan to safeguard the peaceful underpinnings of its constitution, and, as the only nation ever to have experienced nuclear attack, to enact into law the threefold non-nuclear principle. The combination of the threefold non-nuclear principle with nuclear disarmament on the Korean Peninsula will pave the road towards the creation of a Northeast Asia

nuclear-weapon-free zone. At the same time, the specifics of the Pyongyang Declaration must be agreed upon, while Japan itself must also pursue an independent security stance that does not rely on nuclear arms.

We call upon the world's youth to study the reality of the atomic bombings and to internalize a sense of respect for life, as our young people are doing in Nagasaki. The enthusiasm and hope manifested by youth who have considered the requirements of peace and are acting accordingly will serve to enlighten an increasingly confused world. Individuals who arise to take action close at hand can and will foster the realization of world peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons.

We in Nagasaki will continue to share our experiences of the atomic bombing of our city, and will work to make Nagasaki a center for peace studies and peace promotion. It is our hope that we will thus be able to form bonds of friendship and solidarity with people throughout the world.

Today, on the 59th anniversary of the atomic bombing, as we pray for the repose of those who died and recall to mind their suffering, we the citizens of Nagasaki pledge our commitment to the realization of true peace in the world, free from nuclear weapons.

August 9, 2004

Iccho Itoh, Mayor of Nagasaki