



Mayors for Peace

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Dear Fellow Mayor,

I trust this letter finds you well.

In August 1945, a single atomic bomb instantly reduced Hiroshima and Nagasaki to rubble, taking tens of thousands of precious lives. Even today, many of our citizens still struggle with radiation aftereffects. The pain of our people, who lost family, friends, and their entire community, is beyond my ability to describe.

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

To realize this goal, Hiroshima and Nagasaki established Mayors for Peace, and, in conjunction with partner cities around the world, has developed the *2020 Vision Campaign*, calling for the total abolition of nuclear weapons by 2020. After the bombing, it was said that nothing would grow for 75 years, and 2020 is 75 years after the atomic bombing. In addition, we need to achieve our goal as soon as possible so that as many of our aging *hibakusha* as possible can enter with us into that nuclear-weapon-free world. The fact that Mayors for Peace has grown to more than 5,000 member cities is clear evidence that people around the world wish to be liberated from the nuclear threat.

To strengthen global momentum toward the total abolition of nuclear weapons, we believe it is important for as many people as possible, especially policymakers, to come to encounter these A-bombed cities and learn the horror of nuclear weapons and the permanent human damage they inflict. In this way, we will all come to understand and accept the *hibakusha's* wish.

I hope that you share our feelings and humbly ask that you support our campaign for the abolition of nuclear weapons by 2020. Mayors for Peace is a nonpartisan international network of municipalities, registered at the UN with ECOSOC. We ask every mayor or head of municipality to join our effort to protect future generations.

The rapidly growing number of Mayors for Peace is a powerful force generating real momentum toward peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons. To bequeath to our children a cleaner, safer, more peaceful and sustainable world, I humbly ask that you join our effort toward genuine and lasting world peace.

Sincerely yours,

MATSUI Kazumi
Mayor of Hiroshima
President
Mayors for Peace



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 your country: _____

Name of your city/municipality: _____

Mayor's name: _____ Gender: Male Female

Address: _____

TEL: _____

FAX: _____

E-mail: _____

Contact person

Name: _____ Gender: Male Female

Position: _____

E-mail: _____

Website: _____

Population: _____

Date: _____

Mayor's Signature: _____

*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.

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

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The City of Hiroshima

Mayors for Peace

1 Outline

In August 1945, single atomic bombs dropped on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki instantaneously reduced them to rubble, taking vast numbers of precious lives. To ensure that the atomic tragedy is never repeated anywhere on earth, Hiroshima and Nagasaki have consistently sought to persuade the world that nuclear weapons are inhumane and have continually called for their total abolition.



On June 24 1982, at the 2nd Special Session on Disarmament held at United Nations Headquarters in New York, the mayor of Hiroshima announced the Program to Promote the Solidarity of Cities toward the Total Abolition of Nuclear Weapons, a plan to build transnational solidarity among cities to facilitate collective efforts toward the elimination of nuclear weapons. The mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki issued a joint call to cities everywhere to support this program.

Mayors for Peace is a conference of cities that have expressed their support for the program described above. In March 1990, we were registered as an NGO with the United Nations Department of Public Information; Category II status (now called “NGO in Special Consultative Status”) with the United Nations Economic and Social Council was granted in May 1991.

2 General Conference, Executive Conference and Executive Member Cities

We hold our General Conference once every four years and Executive Conference once every two years. Next General Conference will be held in Hiroshima in summer 2013.

The mayors of the following 18 cities are executives of the conference.

President	Hiroshima (Japan)
Vice Presidents	Nagasaki (Japan)
	Akron (U.S.A.)
	Biograd na Moru (Croatia)
	Brussels (Belgium)
	Florence (Italy)
	Granollers (Spain)
	Halabja (Iraq)
	Hannover (Germany)
	Malakoff (France)
	Manchester (U.K.)
	Muntinlupa (Philippines)
	Volgograd (Russia)
	Ypres (Belgium)
	Executives
Montreal (Canada)	
Mexico City (Mexico)	
Montevideo (Uruguay)	



Participants of the 8th Executive Conference



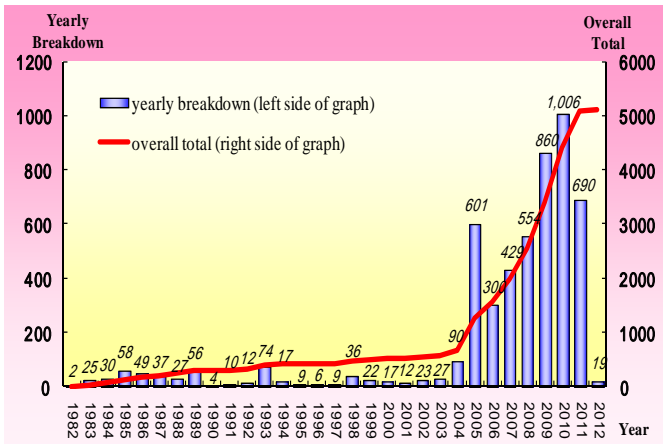
3 Membership

5,111 cities in 153 countries and regions (as of January 1, 2012)

Member Cities (January 1, 2012)

Area	Member
Asia	30 countries & regions 1,535 Cities
Oceania	9 countries & regions 127 Cities
Africa	42 countries & regions 329 Cities
Europe (CIS)	45 countries 2,327 Cities
North America	3 countries & regions 288 Cities
Latin America and the Caribbean	24 countries & regions 505 Cities
Total	153 countries & regions 5,111 Cities

Membership Growth by Year



4 Major Activities

Mayors for Peace conducts the following activities through cooperating member cities.

- 1) Calls worldwide for solidarity among cities
- 2) Conducts 2020 Vision Campaign to eliminate nuclear weapons by the year 2020
- 3) Promote petition drive calling for a Nuclear Weapons Convention
- 4) Presents and appeals to the United Nations and each state regarding the elimination of nuclear weapons and promotion of disarmament and reports the results
- 5) Publishes a newsletter
- 6) Sends Hiroshima and Nagasaki Peace Declarations to member cities and allies
- 7) Holds a General Conference once every four years
- 8) Holds an Executive Meeting once every two years We hold our General Conference once every four years and Executive Conference once every two years. Next General Conference will be held in Hiroshima in summer 2013.

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The 2020 Vision

(An Emergency Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons)

1 2020 Vision (established in November 2004, revised in November 2011)

Mayors for Peace launched an “Emergency Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons” to raise public demand for the abolition of nuclear weapons and promote actions to convey that demand to each nation state. That campaign set forth our “2020 Vision,” a program to eliminate all nuclear weapons by the year 2020. Based on this vision, we will continue to work with cities, citizens, NGOs and other organizations around the world to develop initiatives that promote the abolition of nuclear weapons,

Objectives

1) Immediately de-alert all nuclear weapons

Even today, thousands of nuclear weapons around the world stand ready to launch on warning. This level of alert is madness, and stepping down is the quickest, easiest way to prevent an accidental nuclear holocaust.

2) Immediately start substantive negotiations toward a universal nuclear weapons convention

After repeated promises at NPT Review Conferences and other occasions by the nuclear-weapon states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals, we call on national governments to start substantive negotiations now to achieve a nuclear weapons convention.

3) Conclusion of a nuclear weapons convention by 2015

We call on national governments and other institutions to work toward conclusion of a nuclear weapons convention by 2015 that comprehensively bans manufacture, possession, and use of nuclear weapons.

4) Physical destruction of all nuclear weapons by 2020

The weapons can be destroyed. Fissile materials can be rendered unusable. Strict international control is technically feasible. A nuclear-weapon-free world is possible.

2 Mayor Activities

- 1) Develop a global grassroots petition drive conducted by all member cities calling for negotiations on a nuclear weapons convention, and submit those petitions to the most appropriate authorities.
- 2) Instill a sense of urgency and stimulate momentum toward convening a high-level meeting of governments and experts in Hiroshima concurrent with the 8th General Conference of Mayors for Peace in August 2013.
- 3) Commemorate the 5000-city milestone with a new poster exhibit to directly inform millions of citizens on the impact of nuclear attack on a city; the impact of nuclear war on catastrophic climate change resulting in global famine; the diversion of economic and human resources from urban, human needs to nuclear weapons and related military spending; and the role city leaders strive to play through the 2020 Vision Campaign of Mayors for Peace.
- 4) Strengthen and broaden strategic alliances with international NGOs.
- 5) Issue letters of request and/or statements calling for a world free from nuclear weapons to be sent to appropriate recipients at appropriate times and in effective ways.
- 6) Work with member cities, NGOs and concerned citizens in specific regions to develop effective means to influence their governments to work for the abolition of nuclear weapons, and to promote regional activities in support of concrete actions.
- 7) Create mayoral delegations and develop initiatives calling for the abolition of nuclear weapons at the Preparatory Committee Meetings in 2012, 2013 and 2014 and at the 2015 NPT Review Conference.
- 8) Identify celebrities and other opinion leaders who support the 2020 Vision and appointment to serve as 2020 Vision Ambassadors.



The 8th Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace



Resolution towards the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons

In August 1945, the first nuclear weapon used in combat was dropped on Hiroshima. Three days later, the second was dropped on Nagasaki. The resulting catastrophes in these two cities are indescribable. Even today, thousands of A-bomb survivors suffer physically, psychologically, and socially from aftereffects. Struggling to live difficult daily lives, they have, nevertheless, sought consistently and intensively to persuade the world to eliminate all nuclear weapons.

To pursue that goal, the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki established the World Conference of Mayors for Peace in 1982 to promote solidarity and cooperation among cities in arousing international demand for a peaceful world free from nuclear weapons. This network of cities has expanded worldwide, and in September 2011, our membership exceeded 5,000 cities in 151 countries and regions, and continues to grow rapidly.

Mayors for Peace is dedicated to protecting citizens from inhumane conditions created by armed conflicts, wars, and use of nuclear weapons.

In 2003, we launched an “Emergency Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons” that quickly became our “2020 Vision,” a program to eliminate all nuclear weapons by the year 2020. Working with other cities, concerned citizens, and NGOs around the world, we have launched a number of important initiatives. In the run-up to the 2010 NPT Review Conference, we promoted a grassroots petition drive derived from our Cities Are Not Targets! project (CANT). We also campaigned for adoption of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol, a concrete roadmap for the total abolition of nuclear weapons. Though the Protocol was not adopted, the Final Document did, for the first time, mention a nuclear weapons convention, which we consider an achievement for the 2020 Vision.

After the speech by U.S. President Obama in Prague in April 2009 calling for a “world without nuclear weapons,” and with the adoption of a Final Document agreeing on an action plan toward the abolition of nuclear weapons, global momentum appeared to be mounting. Since then, however, we have seen no significant progress. The U.S. and Russia concluded the New START Treaty, but the U.S. then conducted a new type of nuclear test, in addition to its subcritical testing. Such actions have cast a shadow over the movement toward nuclear abolition. In a time of unprecedented global economic crisis, a recent study has found that the nuclear weapon states plan to spend more than 1 Trillion U.S. dollars on nuclear weapons and related programs over the next decade. Meanwhile, mayors and cities are being forced to make deep cuts in vital public services and the Millennium Development Goals fall farther and farther behind.

Hunger, inequality and lack of opportunities endanger our world. We are particularly concerned that regional conflicts could lead to the use of nuclear weapons. We are aware that illegal trade in arms and drugs is fueling these conflicts. As Mayors for Peace, we need to demonstrate our clear determination to eliminate or bring these activities under strict control.

On March 11, 2011, the Great East Japan Earthquake caused a major accident and release of radiation from the Tokyo Electric Power Company’s Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station. The ongoing threat of radiation has generated tremendous anxiety among those living nearby and millions around the world. The issue of nuclear power has become a global public debate. Whether the source of radiation exposure is nuclear bombs, nuclear testing, or nuclear energy, we must do everything we can to prevent any more hibakusha anywhere. We must create a society that is supported by safer energy.



Today, the average age of the hibakusha is over 77 years. To honor their most cherished desire, we must achieve a nuclear-weapon free world at the earliest possible date. To this end, we believe it important for as many people as possible, especially policymakers from the nuclear-weapon states, to visit and experience first-hand the A-bombed cities, learn the horror of nuclear weapons, and discuss ways to free the human family from this threat. In addition, Mayors for Peace will promote the following actions to focus the energy and power of our entire membership in pursuit of the 2020 Vision.

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 - Create mayoral delegations and develop initiatives calling for the abolition of nuclear weapons at the Preparatory Committee Meetings in 2012, 2013 and 2014 and at the 2015 NPT Review Conference.
- The target year for conclusion of the nuclear weapons convention is 2015. To achieve this goal, we hereby demand that national governments take the following steps:

- 1) Pressure the nuclear-weapon states, including non-parties to the NPT, to immediately de-alert all nuclear weapons, cease all nuclear development and deployment programs, and commence concrete negotiations for a nuclear weapons convention.
- 2) Send disarmament ambassadors to join mayors, UN officials, parliamentarians and NGO representatives at the Mayors for Peace General Conference in Hiroshima in August 2013 to develop a clear roadmap that will lead us to a nuclear-weapon-free world by 2020.

We hereby declare our renewed determination to act on behalf of our citizens to free them from the threat of nuclear weapons. We advocate conflict resolution based on dialogue because without peace, there is no democracy. Without peace, there is no freedom. Without peace, there is no sustainable development.

November 10, 2011

The 8th Mayors for Peace Executive Conference



Please support our petition asking for a nuclear weapons convention!

In August 1945, atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki brought unspeakable tragedy to both cities. Many survivors still suffer the aftereffects, and yet nuclear weapons continue to threaten the very survival of human life on this planet.

To avoid any repetition of the tragedies of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, people around the world must work hand in hand to build a culturally rich, environmentally sustainable, safe and peaceful nuclear-weapon-free world.

<Mayors for Peace seeks the total abolition of nuclear weapons by 2020.>

Mayors for Peace was founded by the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1982. As of January 1, 2012, we have 5,111 member cities in 153 countries and regions. Through intercity solidarity, we pursue a peaceful world without nuclear weapons.

One of our concrete actions is the 2020 Vision Campaign (an Emergency Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons), which seeks the total elimination of nuclear weapons by 2020. Our original CANT (Cities Are Not Targets) petition called for nuclear-armed states to stop targeting cities with nuclear weapons. Between 2007 and May 2010, with the help of thousands of peace-loving groups and individuals, we collected more than a million signatures, which we delivered to the UN Headquarters in New York. Now, we are promoting a new petition demanding the immediate commencement of negotiations for a nuclear weapons convention (NWC).

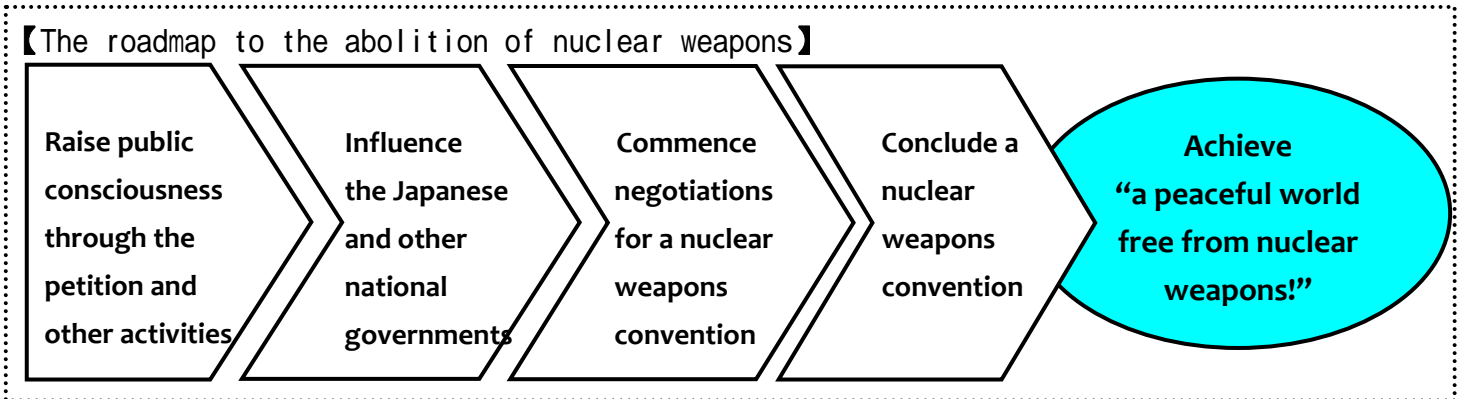
A GLOBAL MOVEMENT HAS BEGUN!

Mayors for Peace is helping to build the momentum.

Let's tell our leaders we want a nuclear weapons convention by 2015.

The most effective way to abolish all nuclear weapons by 2020 is a nuclear weapons convention. A nuclear weapons convention will prohibit the acquisition, development, possession, deployment and use of nuclear weapons and all related activities. This convention was mentioned in the Final Document of the 2010 NPT Review Conference for the first time and called for by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in his Five-Point Plan. Mayors for Peace will work with other civil society organizations to build momentum and urge Japan, the only A-bombed nation, to work with other nation states to quickly commence negotiations and conclude a nuclear weapons convention without further delay.

Please participate in this project by signing the petition below, then signing up your friends and neighbors. Mayors for Peace will deliver your signatures to the appropriate authorities. Let's tell our leaders that we expect them to sign a nuclear weapons convention that will lead us to a peaceful world that can never be destroyed by nuclear weapons.



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Petition Form

For a nuclear weapons convention and a nuclear-weapon-free world by 2020



We, the undersigned, make the following request of the leaders of all nations states:

- ✧ To ensure that no city will ever again be destroyed by a nuclear weapon,
Start Negotiations Now! on a nuclear weapons convention!
- ✧ To free innocent children and global citizens from the threat of nuclear weapons,
Start Negotiations Now! for a nuclear-weapon-free world by 2020!
- ✧ Do not allow war and do not target any city or civilian!
Cities Are Not Targets!

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* Please send this form to our office by fax, post or email.

* The personal information you provide here will not be disclosed to any third party or used for any purpose other than for the stated purpose of the petition unless required by law.

[Attention]

- * Please write your name and address in pen, not pencil.
- * Please write your FULL NAME. (Do not use a nickname.)
- * The petition is open to persons of any age or nationality.
- * Feel free to submit the form with fewer than 10 signatures.
- * Please make copies of this sheet when you have more than 10 petitioners.

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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.)

Purposes

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 Hiroshima to operate the Organization.

Secretariat Staff

ARTICLE 12

1. The Secretariat shall be comprised of a Secretary-General and support-staff.
2. The Secretary-General and support-staff shall be appointed by the President.

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.

This covenant was executed on November 1, 1986.
Revised on October 16, 1991, effective the same day.
Revised on August 5, 2001, effective the same day.



Mayors for Peace Membership by Country

January 1, 2012

No	Area	Countries & Regions	Cities
1	Asia	Afghanistan	2
2	30 countries & regions	Bangladesh	21
3		Bhutan	1
4		Cambodia	2
5		China	7
6		Cyprus	3
7		India	17
8		Indonesia	3
9		Iran	21
10		Iraq	139
11		Israel	56
12		Japan	1096
13		Jordan	2
14		Korea	7
15		Lebanon	1
16		Malaysia	8
17		Mongolia	4
18		Nepal	7
19		Northern Cyprus	4
20		Pakistan	13
21		Palestine	28
22		Philippines	22
23		Saudi Arabia	1
24		Sri Lanka	38
25		Syrian Arab Republic	2
26		Taiwan	3
27		Thailand	10
28		Turkey	11
29		Viet Nam	4
30		Yemen	2
31		Africa	Benin
32	42 countries & regions	Botswana	3
33		Burkina Faso	2
34		Burundi	1
35		Cameroon	82
36		Cape Verde	2
37		Central African Republic	1
38		Chad	1
39		Republic of Congo	1
40		Cote D'Ivoire	2
41		Democratic Republic of the Congo	1
42		Djibouti	1
43		Egypt	2
44		Eritrea	2
45		Ethiopia	7
46		Gambia	3
47		Ghana	33
48		Guinea	2
49		Kenya	4
50		Lesotho	1
51		Liberia	1
52		Malawi	2
53		Mali	5
54		Mauritania	3
55		Mauritius	1
56		Morocco	5
57		Mozambique	2
58		Namibia	1
59		Niger	1
60		Nigeria	4
61		Rwanda	1
62		Sao Tome and Principe	2
63		Senegal	72
64		Seychells	1
65		Sierra Leone	1
66		Somaliland	1
67		South Africa	9
68		South Sudan	1
69		Tanzania	2
70		Togo	2
71	Uganda	53	
72	Zambia	3	
73	Oceania	Australia	86
74	9 countries & regions	Fiji	2
75		French Polynesia	1
76		Marshall Islands	2
77		Micronesia	2
78		New Zealand	30
79		Northern Mariana Islands	2
80		Papua New Guinea	1
81	Solomon Islands	1	

No	Area	Countries & Regions	Cities
82	Europe	Albania	2
83	45 countries	Andorra	2
84		Armenia	1
85		Austria	104
86		Belarus	1
87		Belgium	376
88		Bosnia and Herzegovina	9
89		Bulgaria	9
90		Croatia	31
91		Czech	28
92		Denmark	15
93		Estonia	4
94		Finland	3
95		France	136
96		Georgia	1
97		Germany	386
98		Greece	18
99		Hungary	4
100		Iceland	2
101		Ireland	12
102		Italy	438
103		Kazakhstan	5
104		Kyrgyzstan	1
105		Latvia	4
106		Lithuania	2
107		Luxembourg	56
108		Macedonia	1
109		Malta	1
110		Moldova	1
111		Netherlands	55
112		Norway	88
113		Poland	8
114		Portugal	34
115		Romania	4
116		Russia	56
117		Serbia	3
118		Slovakia	1
119		Slovenia	2
120		Spain	301
121		Sweden	22
122		Switzerland	20
123		Tajikistan	2
124		U.K.	71
125		Ukraine	4
126		Uzbekistan	3
127		North America	Canada
128	3 countries & regions	Greenland	1
129		U.S.A.	191
130	Latin America and Caribbean	Argentina	41
131	24 countries & regions	Bolivia	2
132		Brazil	78
133		Chile	5
134		Columbia	10
135		Costa Rica	46
136		Cuba	2
137		Dominica	1
138		Dominican Republic	6
139		El Salvador	12
140		Guatemala	4
141		Ecuador	9
142		Guyana	1
143		Haiti	3
144		Honduras	3
145		Jamaica	1
146		Mexico	41
147		Nicaragua	155
148		Paraguay	9
149		Peru	34
150		Puerto Rico	13
151		Trinidad Tobago	2
152		Uruguay	2
153		Venezuela	25

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