

19th July 2010

Dear Councillor Peter Stephen

On 21st September 2009, to mark the day designated by UN as International Peace Day, Scotland's for Peace wrote to all the leaders of Scottish local authorities suggesting that they join up to Mayors for Peace, and adopt the 20:20 Vision of a world free of all nuclear weapons by the year 2020, and add their voices to calls for the UK government to play a greater role in international disarmament initiatives. We asked them to do this within one year, and promised to make a public statement on 21st September 2010 of the result.

Scotland's for Peace was formed in 2004, bringing together campaigning and civic organisations to promote nuclear disarmament and to develop a positive peacemaking role. One of its objectives is to establish a day for Peace that would be part of our national calendar, with significant events towards making Scotland known for its contribution to world peace.

Mayors for Peace is a non-party organisation, with members from all the main political parties. Local councils who decide to give their support to Mayors for Peace do so to show a cross-party commitment to peaceful relations at all levels: from local to global. This is very much in line with the aspirations of most local councils - and indeed, Scotland as a nation and almost half of our local authorities responded by making the commitment and joining this exciting international movement. Over 4,000 mayors have already declared themselves Mayors for Peace in 144 countries worldwide, and in the UK provosts and mayors from over 60 local authorities have joined the network, and become part of a truly global initiative.

We hope that you will join this movement before the 21st September, and we include a briefing for your attention. You can find further details on the Mayors for Peace website at www.mayorsforpeace.org.

This year, on International Peace Day, and following the recent Non Proliferation Treaty Five Yearly Review Conference, we are launching our next step towards global nuclear disarmament, with an event in the Scottish Parliament to promote a Nuclear Weapons Convention which would consign nuclear weapons to the past, along with landmines, chemical weapons and other inhumane weapons of mass destruction. I have included information about this important work, and the launch event at which speakers will include Alyn Ware, global Coordinator of PNND and former New Zealand minister for disarmament, Marian Hobbs.

All Scottish Mayors for Peace will be invited, along with MSPs and other important figures from Scottish Civic life.

Please let me know if you would like any further information.

In friendship
(On behalf of Scotland's for Peace)

Janet Fenton
Coordinator

Mayors for Peace



Mayors for Peace

Hiroshima and Nagasaki have consistently sought to persuade the world that nuclear weapons are inhumane, continually calling for their total abolition. In 1982, the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki established "Mayors for Peace" to ensure that the atomic tragedy is never repeated anywhere on earth. The Conference was registered as a NGO in Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council in May 1991.

1 Member Cities (July 1, 2010)

Area	Member	
Asia	29 countries & regions	1,171 Cities
Oceania	9 countries & regions	111 Cities
Africa	39 countries & regions	210 Cities
Europe (CIS)	43 countries & regions	1,984 Cities
North America	3 countries & regions	248 Cities
Latin America and Caribbean	21 countries & regions	313 Cities
Total	144 countries & regions	4,037 Cities

Regions : Taiwan, Palestine, Northern Cyprus (Asia), Solomon Islands, French Polynesia (Oceania), Somaliland (Africa), Greenland (North America)

CIS : Commonwealth of Independent States



2 Activities

Mayors for Peace conducts the following activities

- Calls worldwide for solidarity among cities
- Holds a general conference once every four years to facilitate efforts to eliminate nuclear weapons and solve the other problems that obstruct peace
- Holds executive meeting as the need arises
- Sends the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Peace Declarations to member cities and allies
- Presents appeals to the United Nations and other organizations regarding the elimination of nuclear weapons, promotion of disarmament, solutions to human rights and refugee problems, alleviation of starvation and poverty, and protection of the environment
- Implements projects that contribute to solving these problems, publicizes the results of such projects and promotes exchanges of information
- Loans Hiroshima-Nagasaki A-bomb Photo Posters
- Publishes a newsletter
- Since November 2003 has been conducting a 2020 Vision Campaign to eliminate nuclear weapons by the year 2020
- Cities Are Not Targets (CANT) Project Petition Drive



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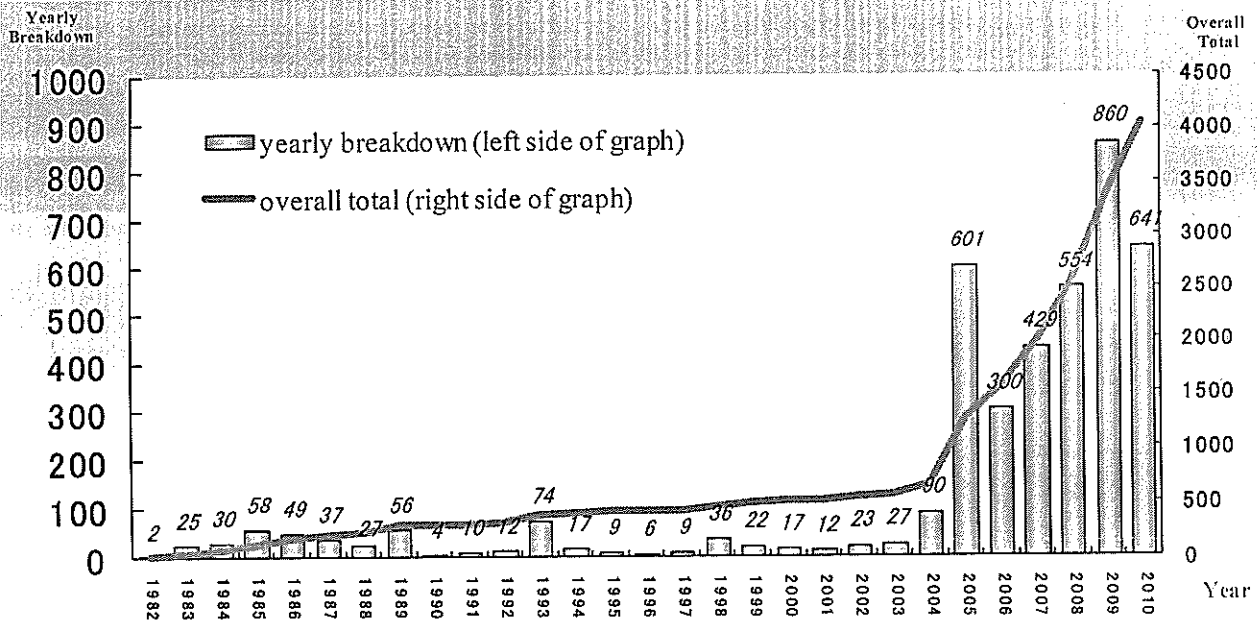
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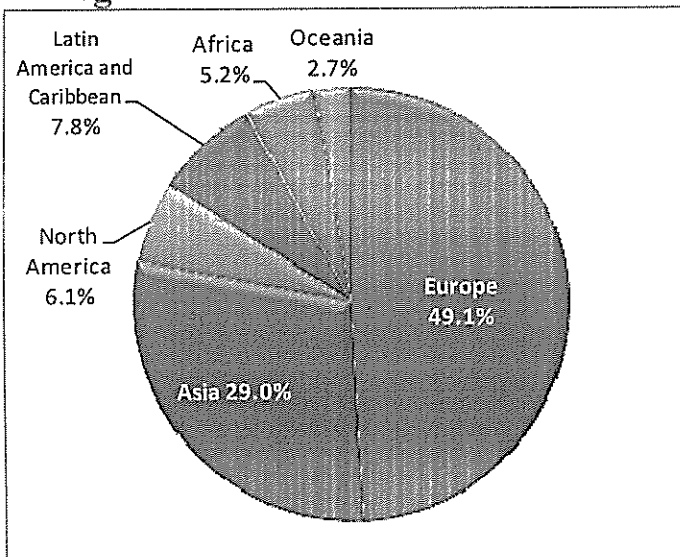
Mayors for Peace Member Cities

Member Cities : 4,037 member cities in 144 countries and regions
(As of July 1, 2010)

1 New city membership by year



2 Regional breakdown



3 Member cities ranking Top 10

Rank	Countries	Cities
1	Japan	772
2	Belgium	352
3	Germany	345
4	Italy	318
5	Spain	294
6	U.S.A.	159
7	Nicaragua	155
8	Iraq	128
9	France	121
10	Canada	88



The 2020 Vision

(An Emergency Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons)

1 Outline

U.S. President Obama called for a "world without nuclear weapons" in Prague in April 2009. A unanimous UN Security Council resolution calls for the abolition of nuclear weapons. The United States and Russia have committed themselves to a new START.

Momentum is building, and much of it can be attributed to Mayors for Peace. 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, the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Mayors for Peace, other associations of local authorities, Parliamentarians, NGOs, like-minded national governments, and concerned citizens around the world have been working together to promote this campaign.



The 2020 Vision Campaign has received support from numerous prestigious organizations, including the EU Parliament, U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM), International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), National Conference of Black Mayors, Japan Association of City Mayors, Japan Council of Nuclear-Free Local Authorities, and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG).

2 Major Activities

(1) "The Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol"

Mayors for Peace announced the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol, a roadmap to a nuclear-weapon-free world by 2020, at the NPT PrepCom in Geneva in April 2008. For two years we asked governments to support the Protocol, with over 1,600 mayors' petitions to this effect. Although the Protocol was not adopted at the NPT Review Conference last May as originally intended, the final documents adopted at the Review mention the necessity of the legal framework and a clear timeframe towards the total abolition of nuclear weapons. We believe international momentum worked effectively to reach these outcomes. We believe that the steps stipulated in the Protocol are the best way to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world by 2020.



(2) Cities Are Not Targets (CANT)

Cities have sent a powerful message to nuclear-weapon states. We are no longer willing to be held hostage to international political machinations. Nuclear weapons are inhumane, illegal weapons, and cities around the world need assurances from nuclear-weapon states that they are not and will not be targeted for annihilation. Based on these ideas, we collected over one million signatures to that end. Working closely with other NGOs, we will develop new campaign tactics.



CANT project online petition

<https://www.ssl-hiroins.city.hiroshima.jp/pcf/en/form.htm>

Please visit this site and join our petition



Outline of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol

- a roadmap to a nuclear-weapon-free world by 2020 -

1 Purpose

The 2020 Vision Campaign (Emergency Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons) seeks the abolition of nuclear weapons by 2020. The "Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol" proposed in April 2008 presents an outline of actions leading to that goal.

The Mayors for Peace campaign sought adoption of this protocol at the NPT Review Conference in 2010. Unfortunately, our goal was not achieved.

Nevertheless, at the Review Conference, the representative of Japanese delegation mentioned some ingredients of the Protocol in his speech, and Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon also gave his assessment. We recognize the huge influence of international public opinion generated by NGOs, such as Mayors for Peace, in including legal and time frameworks to abolish nuclear weapons in the final documents adopted at the Review Conference. We continue to work to establish effective measures to use extracts from this Protocol, to realize a world without nuclear weapons at the earliest possible date.

2 Framework



3 Timetable

Period	Content
April 2008	【NPT Preparatory Committee in Geneva】 Announced the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol
June 2008	Launched Cities Appeal at the city (elected official) level supporting the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol; text supporting the protocol added to the CANT petition
May 2009	【NPT Preparatory Committee in New York】 * Lobby governments for support of a resolution commending the Protocol to the NPT Review Conference
August 2009	Adopted Action Plan at 7th General Conference of Mayors for Peace in Nagasaki, including promotion of Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol for adoption at 2010 NPT Review Conference
May 2010	【NPT Review Conference in New York】 Submitted over 1500 mayoral petitions and over one million grassroots petitions supporting the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol and the CANT project to the president of the NPT Review Conference.





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Dear Fellow Mayor,

I trust this letter finds you well.

I am writing today to invite you to join Mayors for Peace, a conference of cities led by Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

As you know, Hiroshima and Nagasaki were instantly obliterated by atomic bombings in August 1945. Hundreds of thousands of precious lives were lost. To avoid any repetition of this horrifying tragedy, the A-bombed cities have worked continuously to communicate to the world the inhumanity of the atomic bombings and the need to abolish nuclear weapons.

Mayors for Peace was founded in 1982 by the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to promote the total elimination of nuclear weapons as a vital step toward genuine and lasting world peace. In 2003 with 500 member cities, we launched a 2020 Vision Campaign aiming at the total abolition of nuclear weapons by 2020. Today, our 4,000 members in 144 countries and regions are engaged in a wide variety of peace activities across the globe.

U.S. President Obama's call for a "world without nuclear weapons" in Prague in April 2009 raised expectations throughout the international community. Later in 2009, with President Obama presiding, the UN Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution for the abolition of nuclear weapons. In 2010, the United States and Russia committed themselves to a new START. Mayors for Peace has been an integral part of this movement, demonstrating conclusively that cities around the world are united in demanding that the nuclear-weapon states change their nuclear policies and lead us to the nuclear-weapon-free world they have promised for so long.

Mayors for Peace has been raising international public awareness through a broad spectrum of activities of the 2020 Vision. We proposed the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol, a roadmap governments should follow to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world. We have also been gathering signatures on a grassroots petition asserting that Cities Are Not Targets. Through this project, we are demanding assurances that no populated areas are targeted for annihilation by nuclear weapons. This past May, we formed a mayoral delegation that attended the NPT (Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty) Review Conference to directly urge national representatives to abolish nuclear weapons at the earliest possible date.

Because we are so determined to eliminate nuclear weapons by 2020, we are now studying the feasibility of hosting the 2020 Olympic Games in Hiroshima. We would do so as a "festival of peace" celebrating our planet's liberation from nuclear weapons. We have been amazed by the vocal public support this idea has received from cities around Japan, and endorsements continue to flow in as the idea spreads around the world. By joining Mayors for Peace, you can greatly strengthen our bid for the Olympics and, most importantly, our bid to eliminate nuclear weapons before they eliminate us.

To help abolish nuclear weapons and bequeath to our children a cleaner, safer, more peaceful and sustainable world, please join Mayors for Peace and take an active role in our campaign.

I close with my best wishes for your continued good health and sound growth for your city.

Sincerely yours,

Tadatoshi Akiba
Mayor of Hiroshima
President
Mayors for Peace



Mayors for Peace Registration Form

To Dr. Tadatoshi Akiba
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.

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