



# Support our petition calling for all states to join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons as soon as possible!



In August 1945, atomic bombs reduced the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to rubble and took hundreds of thousands of precious lives. They left those who barely managed to survive with physical and emotional scars, devastating their whole lives. As long as nuclear weapons exist, their horror could leap into our present, again becoming a horrible reality to anyone at any moment.

The atomic bomb survivors (hibakusha) have long insisted that “no one else should ever again suffer as we have.” Their earnest wish is to witness the prohibition of nuclear weapons in their lifetime. Let us join forces to make this wish come true.



## What has Mayors for Peace done?

Mayors for Peace was founded by the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1982. It has strived for the abolition of nuclear weapons and the realization of lasting world peace through inter-city solidarity around the globe, transcending national boundaries and ideological differences, and utilizing its growing global network of 7,632 member cities in 163 countries and regions (as of August 1, 2018).

In 2003, Mayors for Peace launched an “Emergency Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons,” which set forth our “2020 Vision,” a program seeking the total elimination of nuclear weapons by the year 2020. Based on this vision, Mayors for Peace has been working with cities, citizens, NGOs and other organizations around the world to develop various initiatives for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Since December 2010, Mayors for Peace has been promoting a global grassroots petition drive to call for negotiations of a nuclear weapons convention which, by the end of June 2017, had collected more than 2,580,000 signatures.



## Let's make the Treaty a fully effective one

In July 2017, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was adopted. This was made possible by the heartfelt appeal of the hibakusha and many other like-minded people for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

In order for the Treaty to become a fully effective legal instrument for nuclear abolition, we believe it essential for all states, including the nuclear-armed states and their allies who did not participate in the Treaty's negotiations, to join this Treaty. Through this petition drive, let us spread our will, which is this path toward a world free of nuclear weapons, and create a powerful movement to urge all states to participate in the Treaty as soon as possible!



### Mayors for Peace

President : Mayor of Hiroshima

Vice Presidents : Mayor of Nagasaki and 13 Mayors around the world

Executives : 11 Mayors around the world

