



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
WORLD CONFERENCE OF MAYORS FOR PEACE
THROUGH INTER-CITY SOLIDARITY
October 13 - 16, 1991
Sacramento California USA

Resolution in Honor of Takeshi Araki

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the 3rd World Conference of Mayors for Peace Through Inter-city Solidarity has met in Sacramento, California, USA, October 14-16, 1991; and

WHEREAS, at this meeting there was an active exchange of ideas and viewpoints on how the World Conference of Mayors for Peace Through Inter-city Solidarity should deal with current international trends; and

WHEREAS, we recognized the historic changes brought about by the end of the Cold War and the changes in the political and economic systems in the Soviet Union and Eastern European countries; and

WHEREAS, recent initiatives by the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics give new hope of the progress toward nuclear disarmament and we value this progress; and

WHEREAS, there is still the danger that the continued presence of existing nuclear weapons could cause the annihilation of humankind; and

WHEREAS, peace is obstructed by such other factors as environmental deterioration, hunger, poverty, the plight of refugees, human rights, etc., and it is urgent that these problems be resolved; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, former Mayor Takeshi Araki of Hiroshima advocated a plan to address these issues through intercity solidarity which he made great efforts to promote for many years,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the World Conference of Mayors for Peace Through Inter-city Solidarity for Peace considers the international situation and urges those countries which have nuclear weapons to completely and immediately cease nuclear testing and take further steps to abolish existing weapons;

and we actively encourage international consensus to find solutions on a municipal level to other obstacles to peace;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Executive Committee highly values the achievements of former Mayor Araki and his inspirational leadership and declares its intent to continue to promote and expand inter-city solidarity.

ISSUED: This 16th Day of October, 1991.

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