



## **Outline of 4th Executive Conference of the World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity**

**October 16 (Mon.)~October 17 (Tue.), 1995  
Volgograd, Russia**

**World Conference of Mayors for Peace  
through Inter-city Solidarity**

## 1. Purpose

Since the 3rd World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity was held two years ago, the state of world affairs is ever changing, as effective solutions have yet to be found for a variety of problems including regional disputes such as in the former Yugoslavia, suspicions regarding the development of nuclear weapons by some countries, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and missiles, and the difficult situation various nations of the former Soviet Union find themselves in regarding the disposal of nuclear weapons. Also, the effects of global problems, such as environmental destruction and increasing numbers of refugees, transcend national borders, threatening the very existence of humankind.

In April of this year at the extension and review conference of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT), it was decided the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) would be concluded by the end of 1996, and voluntary restraint on nuclear weapons testing would be enforced until that treaty comes into effect. In spite of this, China has conducted two nuclear tests since that time, and France has resumed nuclear weapons testing, acts which clearly shows the growing importance of intensifying the international struggle toward the abolition of nuclear weapons.

To help solve these problems, 4th Executive Conference of the World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity was convened to discuss the roles that are to be achieved by the Mayors Conference toward the realization of world peace, and the activity policies for the 4th World Conference to be held in 1997.

## 2. Period

October 16 (Monday) ~ 17 (Tuesday), 1995      Two days

## 3. Location

Volgograd, Russia

## 4. Participating cities

Hannover (Germany)

Hiroshima (Japan)

Nagasaki (Japan)

Volgograd (Russia)

Among the Executive Cities not in attendance at the conference, a power of attorney letter and letter of opinion were presented from the cities of Como, Italy, and Wollongong, Australia. Also presented was a letter of opinion from Berlin, Germany.

## 5. Conference schedule

1st day (October 16)

- \* Activities report of the Mayors Conference (Hiroshima)
- \* Activities report of Executive Cities (participating Executive Cities)
- \* Agenda 1 The addition of Executive Cities
  - 1) Present conditions
  - 2) Addition of Executive Cities
- \* Agenda 2 Plans for activities of the World Conference of Mayors
  - 1) Call to potential member cities
  - 2) Holding regional block conferences
  - 3) Holding of atomic bombing exhibitions in member cities

2nd day (October 17)

- \* Agenda 2 Plans for activities of the World Conference of Mayors (cont.)
  - 1) Protesting nuclear weapons testing
  - 2) Appeal to the International Court of Justice regarding the illegality of the use of nuclear weapons
  - 3) Position to the CTBT
  - 4) Request to hold the 4th UN Special Session on Disarmament as soon as possible
  - 5) Holding the 4th World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity
- \* Summarization of the Conference

## 6. Conference summary

At the conference an exchange of opinions took place regarding the course of action to be taken by the World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity in the duration leading up to the 4th World Conference, to be held in August 1997. Besides a general resolution, a resolution to condemn the use of nuclear weapons as a violation of international law, and an urgent appeal for immediate ban on nuclear testing were adopted based on these discussions.

Items decided and confirmed at the conference are as stated in the general resolution.

## **General Resolution**

We, the participants at the 4th Executive Conference of the World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-City Solidarity convened in the city of Volgograd, Russian Federation from October 16 to 17, 1995, do hereby confirm that:

the purpose of the World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-City Solidarity is, through solidarity among the member cities of the Program to Promote City Solidarity of Cities toward the Total Abolition of Nuclear Weapons, to arouse public awareness of the importance of abolishing nuclear weapons on an international scale, to work toward resolution of regional conflicts, to strive to eliminate hunger and poverty, to address issues related to refugees, civil rights, protection of the environment, and other problems threatening the peaceful coexistence, to contribute in every possible way to contribute to the establishment of lasting world peace.

Now, in the course of reporting to each other recent circumstances and activities related to the pursuit of the goals of the Mayors Conference, we members of the Executive Conference resolve:

to solidify the Mayors Conference and infuse it with energy through the addition of Executive Cities, by renewing our call for support through wider appeals for new Conference members, and, with the cooperation of the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, to help people throughout the world better understand the nature of atomic destruction by holding "Hiroshima/Nagasaki Atomic Bombing Exhibition" in cities who request them;

to strongly protest the nuclear tests conducted by China and France this year, letters of protest jointly signed by mayors of the Executive Member Cities having been sent to the countries concerned, and confirming that similar protests will follow any such testing in the future, and to adopt the Urgent Appeal for the Immediate Ban of Nuclear Testing;

to send to the International Court of Justice from the Mayors Conference, as well as to the governments of the countries of each Executive Member City, the separately adopted and enclosed resolution forcefully asserting the illegality of the use of nuclear weapons;

to support complete, unconditional implementation of the proposed Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, and to carry out any action necessary to ensure that the 4th U.N. Special Session on Disarmament will be held as soon as possible;

to hold the 4th World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-City Solidarity in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1997;

and that the participants at this Executive Conference shall send copies of this General Resolution to all member cities.

It is proposed that efforts will be made under the leadership of the Executive Member Cities to hold regional block conferences in order to strengthen the activities of the World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity and that joint actions will be taken by the European Executive Member Cities together with the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, towards the conference to conclude the CTBT.

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## **Resolution to Condemn the Use of Nuclear Weapons as a Violation of International Law**

Here we resolve:

Based on the experience of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, nuclear weapons are a totally immoral means of mass slaughter; they cannot coexist with human beings.

Existing international law established by the Hague Convention and other historical precedents all stand on principles of humanity, but nuclear weapons exist in absolute opposition to those principles.

Since 1961, the United Nations General Assembly has repeatedly adopted resolutions banning the use of nuclear weapons, stating that such use would constitute a crime against mankind and civilization.

Abolition of nuclear weapons is the desire of all peace-loving persons.

The International Court of Justice must recognize the tragedy wrought by nuclear destruction, the suffering and aftereffects still affecting survivors, and judge unequivocally that the development, possession and use of nuclear weapons violate international law.

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## **Urgent Appeal for an Immediate Ban on Nuclear Testing**

Despite the agreement of the five nuclear powers at the review and extension conference of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) held in May of this year to conclude the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) in 1996 and the decision for individual countries to exercise self-restraint until it goes into effect, the fact that China conducted a nuclear test immediately after the conclusion of the conference, and France resumed nuclear testing on September 5, carrying out a second test on October 1, not only defies the current international movement toward nuclear arms reduction but repudiates the efforts in that direction that should be made by the other nuclear powers.

We demand that China and France immediately abandon all future plans for nuclear testing and engage with other nuclear powers in earnest negotiations toward the conclusion of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

We, the Executive Member Cities of the World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-City Solidarity, recognize that a total ban on nuclear testing is a crucial step toward the abolition of nuclear weapons. We resolve to work in concert with the other members of the Mayors Conference to arouse international public opinion toward a total ban on nuclear testing.

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During the session (October 16)



Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki dedicating flowers to a memorial in the city of Volgograd (October 15)

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