

## Hiroshima Appeal

We representatives of 119 cities from 27 countries participated in the 2nd World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity from August 4th through August 6th in Hiroshima, the first city to suffer an atomic bombing. We examined the topic "Toward the total abolition of nuclear weapons -- Role of cities in the nuclear age" and engaged in a spirited exchange of opinions.

We conference members, seeing the reality of the atomic devastation 44 years ago, easily envisioned that a nuclear war, now, would bring about the destruction of the human race and ruin of this noble earth. As we participated in the Peace Memorial Ceremony held in Peace Memorial Park we prayed for the repose of the victims of the atomic bombing, mourned for the war victims that lost their lives during the World War II, started by the invasion to Poland in September, 1939 and strongly hoped for an everlasting world peace.

Looking back, four years have passed since we first met in Hiroshima in August, 1985, and confirmed our mutual commitment to the creation of world peace -- a world without nuclear weapons! In that interval many cities newly agreed to the solidarity to contribute to the formation of the international public opinion. With rising of international public opinion, historically memorable encouraging progress toward the realization of world peace was made with the signing of the INF Treaty by the U.S. and the Soviet Union, the Third U.N. Special Session Devoted to Nuclear Disarmament, the comprehensive arms reduction talks between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. We should never reverse this achievement.

Nevertheless, weapons systems rapidly continue being modernized at enormous expense, as is evidence by the relentless continuation of nuclear weapons tests and the proliferation of biological and chemical weapons. Consequently, instead of finding solutions for the problems of hunger, poverty, oppression of human rights and the global destruction of the environment, we are insuring they will plague yet further generations.

Regardless of differences of belief, creed, and political system, we have become members of the World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity, and we recognize the realities facing humankind and the Earth on which we live. Toward the realization of lasting peace, we make the following appeals:

1. that people of the world, the leaders of every country in particular, come to Hiroshima and Nagasaki to deepen their understanding of the reality of the atomic bombings.
2. that cities throughout the world will actively promote peace education of youth who will be the next generation and enhancement of peace consciousness of the citizens.
3. that all the countries including nuclear powers will ban nuclear tests immediately and totally.
4. that the U.S. and the Soviet Union will take a rational approach to achieve success at the comprehensive arms reduction negotiations which resumed in Geneva on June 19. Specifically, we wish to see a 50% reduction in strategic nuclear weapons, leading to the abolition of all nuclear armaments within this century.

5. that every nation will work to abolish biological and chemical weapons, to reduce conventional weapons and armed force, and eventually to achieve total and complete disarmament.
6. that countries will make efforts, through the United Nations, to find solutions to hunger, poverty, oppression of human rights and environmental destruction.
7. that peace is the highest goals of politics, that democracy must be established, and that international dispute using armed force must be immediately ceased.

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