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During their meeting November 21 -22, 2007 in Florence, Italy, the Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace agreed to set up a new international campaign association to ban nuclear weapons by 2020. The Executive Conference held in the historic Palazzo Vecchio, vowed to provide global leadership in preparing for the Disarmament Decade called for by the UN General Assembly.

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Front and back cover
Iraq, Halabja
commemoration at
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where an estimated 5,000
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PREFACE

Message from the Members of the General Meeting of Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign

Dear colleagues,
Dear supporters,

Please find here the first Annual Report for the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign. This report will show you that we have a solid foundation to pursue our Preparation for the Decisive Decade for Nuclear Disarmament, 2010-2020. In terms of our engagement in the current five-year review cycle of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty, we are fully two years ahead of where we were at this stage in the last review cycle. And we have significantly broadened and deepened our work with mayoral associations worldwide, not least with United Cities and Local Governments.

Last year has been a very important year with many changes for Mayors for Peace. Not only have we seen an highly significant growth of our membership during our 25th anniversary year but also a major transformation as the Executive Conference agreed to establish a special international campaign association to set the structural conditions for achieving our main goal.

We have been impressed by hundreds of individuals in city halls and organizations who have spared no efforts in 2007 to develop this Emergency Campaign in all parts of the world. In this report, you will find some very encouraging and inspiring reports. We are sorry if it could not cover all the positive developments and projects which took place in all continents.

Last year, we have also witnessed the first tender shoots of fund-raising with a successful Belgian pilot project proving that the solidarity of cities is genuine and not just a word enshrined in our founding declaration. We wish to thank our Belgian friends for their path-breaking efforts which will be an example and encouragement for all of us.

In 2008, we are committed to see our entire membership of now well over 2,000 cities match the annual contributions of the 2 Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki who have footed the bill for the Campaign for the past 4 years, and for the organization since its conception. We all agree that it would be shocking if over 2,000 cities could not match the contributions of the 2 Japanese cities which suffered destruction by atomic bombs.

Here, we wish to call on everyone who reads these lines to do everything in his/her capacity to encourage city councils to approve a the resolution to start making voluntary financial contributions towards our emergency campaign. We all know that we urgently need funds to make our campaign successful.

We also wish to call on your support to bring Mayors for Peace to the people. Today, unfortunately most people have never heard about us and our important campaign. We can make a difference by opening the existing communications channels of the cities to our commitment to ban these illegal weapons of terror from the face of the world.

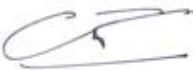
Finally, we wish to remember the loss of an important friend and ally who spared neither time nor money to help us forward. Last year, the Mayor of Nagasaki, Mr. Iccho Itoh was brutally assassinated. Let's honor and remember him by making sure that his dream for a nuclear free world will not remain a dream. Let's work together and put non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament again on top of the political agenda. Together we can do this.



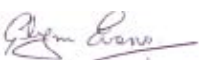
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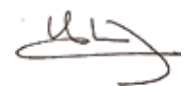
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MAYORS FOR PEACE



// No more Hiroshima. No more Nagasaki. Never again"
Hiroshima survivor Seiko Ikeda travels the world to bring the story of the bombing of her city on August 6th 1945. The US attack brought hell on earth. The Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign supports the message of the Hibakusha's. Hibakusha is the Japanese word for survivors of the A-bombs.

Mayors for Peace is designed to build solidarity and facilitate coordination among the cities that support the Program to Promote the Solidarity of Cities toward the Total Abolition of Nuclear Weapons. Its primary goal is to work internationally to raise consciousness regarding nuclear weapons abolition. It is also formally committed to pursuing lasting world peace by working to address starvation, poverty, refugee welfare, human rights abuses, environmental destruction, and other problems that undermine peaceful coexistence.

In August 1945, atomic bombs instantaneously reduced the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to rubble, taking hundreds of thousands of precious lives. Today, more than sixty years after the war, thousands of citizens still suffer the devastating aftereffects of radiation and unfathomable emotional pain. To prevent any repetition of the A-bomb tragedy, the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki have continually sought to tell the world about the inhumane cruelty of nuclear weapons and have consistently urged that nuclear weapons be abolished.

On June 24, 1982, at the 2nd UN Special Session on Disarmament held at UN Headquarters in New York, then Mayor Takeshi Araki of Hiroshima proposed a new Program to Promote the Solidarity of Cities toward the Total Abolition of Nuclear Weapons. This proposal offered cities a way to transcend national borders and work together to press for nuclear abolition. Subsequently, the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki called on mayors around the world to support this program.

Mayors for Peace is composed of cities around the world that have formally expressed support for the program Mayor Araki announced in 1982. As of June 1st 2008, membership stood at 2,277 cities in 129 countries and regions. In March 1990, the Mayors Conference was officially registered as a UN NGO related to the Department of Public Information. In May 1991, it became a Category II NGO (currently called a NGO in "Special Consultative Status") registered with the Economic and Social Council.

In November 2003, the Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace launched the Emergency Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons by 2020, today known as the 2020 Vision Campaign. Since 2003 this campaign has attracted growing support, best illustrated by the fact that global membership of Mayors for Peace has more than quadrupled since the launch of this campaign.

The Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace meeting November 21 -22, 2007 in the historic Palazzo Vecchio as guests of the Mayor of Florence, Leonardo Domenici, vowed to provide global leadership in preparing for the Disarmament Decade called for by the UN General Assembly. This third phase of the 2020 Vision Campaign has been launched in Geneva in May 2008, on the fifth anniversary of the speech made there by Mayors for Peace President, Mayor Tadatashi Akiba of Hiroshima, in which he proposed a mayors campaign against nuclear weapons.

As in the first phase of the 2020 Vision Campaign, one of the main focuses of international activity will be the NPT review process. In conjunction with the 2005 NPT Review Conference, Mayors for Peace organized a Mayors Conference at the United Nations which was addressed by then-Secretary-General Kofi Annan. In this review cycle, Mayors for Peace is organizing two conferences for mayors during the review's preparatory period, in Geneva and in New York. And it will send a delegation of mayors from the major metropolises of the world to the 2010 Review Conference.

Through a proposed 'Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol', Mayors for Peace will translate the 2020 Vision of a nuclear weapon free world into terms directly relevant to the 2010 NPT review cycle. A Cities Appeal will be circulated in 2008 and 2009 to draw the attention of governments to the Protocol

PREPARE FOR THE DECISIVE DECADE FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT (2010 - 2020)

Capacity building

We realize that the 2020 Vision for a world free of nuclear weapons by 2020 is an ambitious plan. But it is also realistic, as doing nothing about these weapons of terror is criminal.

For this purpose, our international activities need to be backed on the national and grassroots level with increased joint campaigning by local authorities and civil society.

The membership recruitment during the 25th anniversary year can be evaluated as very positive. The 2,020 goal was matched, and on June 1st 2009 we already count 2,277 member cities in 129 countries.

But, foremost among these capacity building measures, fundraising became a top-priority at the end of 2007. For the next years we need to broaden the base of financial support for the 2020 Vision Campaign beyond Hiroshima and Nagasaki, who up till now have footed the entire bill. To this end, a special non-profit entity has been established to run the International Campaign Secretariat in Belgium and it has been authorized to solicit voluntary contributions from the Mayors for Peace membership for the 2020 Vision Campaign.

Mayors for Peace established a body appointed by and answerable to the Executive Conference for regular direction and oversight of the International Secretariat of the 2020 Vision Campaign (herein referred to as the Campaign Secretariat).

Political/practical motivation

The Mayors for Peace Secretariat in Hiroshima, financed by the Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, (herein referred to as the H/N Secretariat) is encumbered by city regulations and procedures, as well as language limitations, which prevent it from the making decisions as rapidly as the Campaign requires. In addition, the H/N Secretariat can no longer bear the economic burden and workload of a rapidly growing global campaign. It is necessary to establish an independent campaign structure through which to request, receive and effectively utilize financial support from other members of the network.

Decisions taken by the Executive Conference, November 21-22, 2007

1. **Approved activities and a general budget for the 2020 Vision Campaign**
2. **Authorized formation of the Campaign Association**
3. **Adopted the Statutes of the Campaign Association (Articles of Incorporation)**
4. **Meeting as members of the Association, elected initial Board of Directors of the Campaign Association**
5. **Meeting as members of the Association, approved initial staff of the Campaign Association (Campaign Secretariat)**
6. **Authorized the Campaign Association to solicit and receive voluntary donations from the members of Mayors for Peace**

2020

VISION CAMPAIGN

and demonstrate popular support for it. The hope is that this will inspire government to live up to their good-faith obligation to pursue and conclude negotiations on all aspects of nuclear disarmament. If, however, the 2010 Review Conference fails to promote negotiations on nuclear disarmament, the Protocol could serve as the basis for renewed action by concerned states later in 2010.

In 2008-2010, the Campaign will place even greater emphasis on Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemorations in August. The hallmark of the 2020 Vision Campaign has been cooperation between mayors and civil society leaders.

Finally, in 2008 and 2009, Mayors for Peace will be going to the United Nations General Assembly to gain recognition of the vital stake that cities have in peace and security issues, and the role they can play to promote peace and disarmament. Mayors for Peace will not only be speaking on behalf of its over-2000 members, but also the urban world represented by United Cities and Local Government, which recently leant its support to the 2020 Vision Campaign.

We are convinced that we will find many UN member states willing to hoist high on the world stage the message of the half of humanity that now lives in cities: "Cities Are Not Targets!"

These international activities will be backed on the national and grassroots level with increased joint campaigning by local authorities and civil society. The Executive Committee recognized the importance of a range of capacity-building measures during this preparatory phase. Foremost among these is broadening the base of financial support for the 2020 Vision Campaign beyond Hiroshima and Nagasaki, who up till now have footed the entire bill.



“2020 Membership-drive successful” For its 25th anniversary year in 2007 Mayors for Peace welcomed almost 500 new member cities. Here the Mayor of Riccione (Italy) signing up as new member.

ASSOCIATION STRUCTURE

General Meeting

Identical in membership to the Executive Officials of Mayors for Peace; must meet once each year (telephone or video conferencing acceptable); elects the Board of Directors; approves general plans, budgets, and reports; sets basic policy. The President of Mayors for Peace presides at General Meetings. The next meeting is planned in Ypres on November 10th 2008.

Board of Directors

Elected by the General Meeting, may include NGO representatives as well as city representatives. The Board selects its own Chairman; the current Chairman is the Mayor of Ypres. The Board will be responsible for monitoring and guiding implementation of the general plan and budget approved by the General Meeting. It must meet twice each year.

Campaign Staff

The staff of the International Secretariat (hired and fired by the Board of Directors) is responsible for planning, implementing, and raising funds for the 2020 Vision Campaign. They will work closely with the Mayors for Peace secretariat in Hiroshima, but will report directly to the Board of Directors.

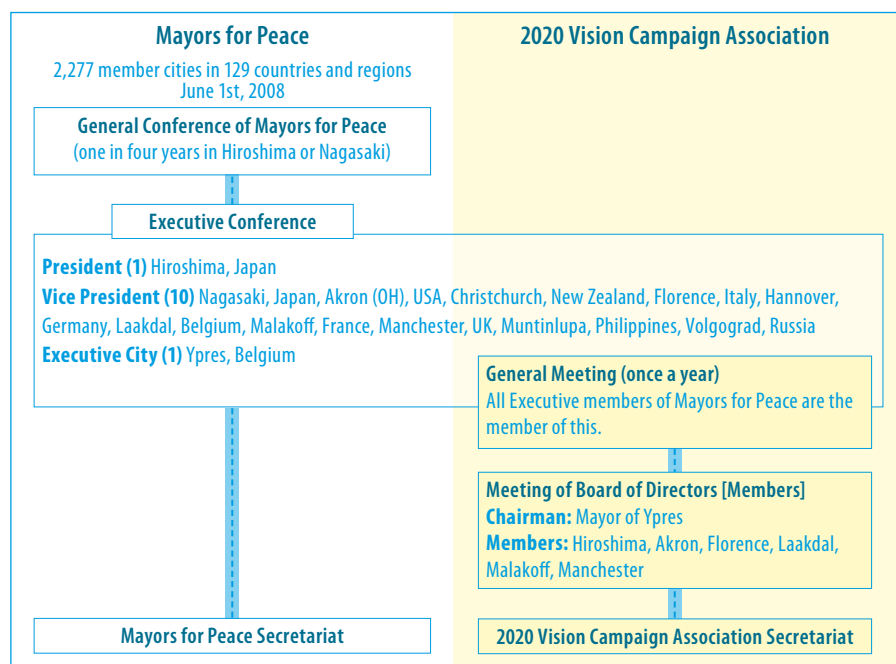
Relationship to Mayors for Peace

The 2020 Vision Campaign Association is commissioned by Mayors for Peace to manage the 2020 Vision Campaign. The Campaign Secretariat (based in Ypres), supervised by the Board of Directors and, ultimately, by the General Meeting (Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace) will be responsible for all tasks related directly to the campaign.

The Mayors for Peace Secretariat (based in Hiroshima) will continue to serve the non-campaign policies and tasks of Mayors for Peace, as determined by the Executive Committee and the General

Conference. These tasks will include planning and implementing Executive Conferences and General Conferences, and managing all formal matters associated with Mayors for Peace membership registration.

The two secretariats will work jointly to recruit and communicate with members, and planning for the involvement of the President in 2020 Vision Campaign activities. They will support each other, offering and requesting assistance as needed, but are not in a chain-of-command relationship.





German Mayors in Hannover City Hall on October 12th, 2007 in support of the campaign to withdraw US nuclear weapons from Germany.

Africa

Senegal [\(2 members\)](#)

We have established contact with the Bakary Seydi from “Mouvement Humaniste International” of Senegal. During 2008, they will help us to build capacity all over the country. For this purpose, during the First semester, they will inform the 110 Mayors of Senegal about Mayors for Peace and the 2020 Vision Campaign. During the second half of the year, they will develop a campaign to raise public awareness.

Uganda [\(53 members\)](#)

In Uganda there was a major development during 2007 with 51 new members joining the network thanks to the efforts of Springs Alive, a Ugandan NGO. Springs Alive made a presentation on Mayors for Peace at the 2007 Conference of Ugandan Mayors and the Mayors signed up on the spot.

new countries

At the UCLG meeting in South Korea, several African delegates signed up with Mayors for Peace, including the first members from Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ghana, Mauritius and Tanzania.

Africa

109 MEMBERS

Benin (2), Botswana (3), Burkina Faso (1), Burundi (1), Cameroon (8), Cape Verde (1), Cote d'Ivoire (1), Egypt (1), Gambia (3), Ghana (1), Kenya (2), Lesotho (1), Liberia (1), Malawi (2), Mali (5), Mauritania (2), Mauritius (1), Morocco (1), Namibia (1), Nigeria (1), Rwanda (1), Senegal (2), Sierra Leone (1), Somaliland (1), Republic of South Africa (7), Tanzania (1), Togo (1), Uganda (53), Zambia (3).

Asia

South-Korea ([2 members](#))

One of the most important international events for Mayors for Peace in 2007 was the world conference of the UCLG held in Jeju, South-Korea (see International Campaigning). Over 1,800 participants united for the 2nd global meeting of cities and local governments under the theme ‘Changing Cities are driving our world’. The UCLG was founded in 2004 and works in an advisory capacity on local government issues with the United Nations. It was an excellent opportunity to make and develop contact globally. 15 cities joined the Mayors for Peace network during the course of the Congress. Jeju has been a member since 2006. The South-Korean city of Daegu joined Mayors for Peace in 2007 and marked the tenth-anniversary of its sister city relationship with Hiroshima with festivities attended by Mayor Akiba.

India ([16 members](#))

We welcomed 2 new members in 2007. We are now in touch with the Indian Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament and Peace (CNDP). It is India’s national network of over 200 organisations, including grassroots groups and mass movements.

Iran ([11 members](#))

We welcomed 2 new members in Iran. Dr Shahriar Khateri, the Head of Public and International Relations for Iran’s Society for Chemical Weapons Victims Support (SCWVS) from Teheran, Iran, is interested in setting up a national secretariat of Mayors for Peace in Iran.

Iraq ([72 members](#))

72 new Iraqi members joined in 2007 and 2008 thanks to the leadership of the Mayor of Halabja. Mayor Khder Kareem opened an Iraqi office of Mayors for Peace.

Mayors for Peace participated in a 3-day event “From Genocide into Peace” at the invitation of the Governorate of Sulymanyah, the Mayor of Halabja, and the Regional Government of Kurdistan, Iraq. All events took place in the region of Kurdistan Iraq, and marked the 20th anniversary of the gas attacks on the city of Halabja. The gas attack on

the City of Halabja in March 1988 killed around 5,000 civilians.

Once again many Mayors showed great enthusiasm to join our international network. Today most members are from the Kurdish part of Iraq and efforts are underway to involve Mayors from other parts of Iraq.

Japan ([139 members](#))

In February 2008, membership was opened to Japanese cities and was followed immediately by a remarkable surge in new members. For the past 25 years membership had been limited to the founding cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The City of Nagasaki presides over the National Council of Japanese Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA). The Japanese NFLA counts a membership of 230 cities, many of whom are now joining the international network. It was decided that Japanese cities will now be free to join either or both Mayors for Peace and the NFLA.

The campaign in Japan has focused heavily on collecting petitions in support of the Cities Are Not Targets project. A total of 240,000 petitions have been collected nationwide, with the Kanagawa Prefecture Coop contributing over 100,000.



Mayor of Nagasaki, Iccho Itoh

Vice-President of Mayors for Peace & Mayor of Nagasaki assassinated

On April 18th 2007 Mayor Iccho Itoh was brutally shot and killed while campaigning for a fourth term as Mayor of Nagasaki. As mayor of the second city destroyed by atomic weapons in 1945, Mayor Itoh was a champion of peace and a world in which nuclear war could never happen again. He was a founding member and leader in the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign.



The Halabja cemetery, where the victims of the 1988 gas attack are buried, during the 20th anniversary commemoration.

“During the Iraq – Iran conflict chemical weapons (CW) were used at several occasions. Perhaps the time has come for the inhumanity of the large scale use of CW against Iran’s civilians and soldiers to be accorded the international recognition that it deserves”, said Dr Khateri, who added: “I am a qualified medical practitioner with many years’ exposure, not to chemical weapons themselves, but to the everyday suffering of the 55,000 Iranian survivors still receiving treatment for chronic CW-related illness. Because of the more than 2,500 tonnes of CW agents used by the Iraqi army against Iranian soldiers and civilians during its invasion of Iran (UNMOVIC report, March 2003), about one million Iranians were exposed to CW, with more than 100,000 being severely injured and about 7,000 dying immediately. More than 55,000 individuals are still registered as survivors needing medical care, with many more not yet registered because of incomplete medical records. “The many thousand Iranians who died from exposure to CW, and the many more survivors whose suffering is continuing into the present deserve to know why some leading members of the international community supported Iraq’s use of these terrible weapons which they themselves - in the 1925 Geneva Protocol - had solemnly undertaken never to use,” stated Dr Khateri.

Asia

381 MEMBERS

Afghanistan (1), Bangladesh (8), Bhutan (1), Cambodia (1), China (7), Cyprus (3), India (16), Indonesia (3), Iran (11), Iraq (72), Israel (4), Japan (139), Jordan (2), Lebanon (1), Malaysia (6), Mongolia (4), Nepal (5), Pakistan (12), Palestine (26), Philippines (14), South Korea (2), Sri Lanka (20), Syria (2), Taiwan (2), Thailand (1), Turkey (10), Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (3), Vietnam (3), Yemen (2).

Europe

Austria (28 members)

Mayor Akiba Tadatosihi led a Mayoral delegation at the NPT PrepCom at the UN in Vienna. We also used the opportunity to meet with the Mayor of Vienna at the City Hall and organised a tree planting ceremony near the UN to mark the tragic murder of the Mayor of Nagasaki Icho Itoh.

On August 6th the President of Austria called for the total elimination of nuclear weapons during Hiroshima commemorations in Vienna.

During a ceremony in Salzburg on October 19 2007 Mayor Akiba and Mayors for Peace were awarded the 2007 Nuclear - Free Future Award in recognition of its achievements in arousing international public demand for the abolition of nuclear weapons and lasting world peace through the 2020 Vision and other global peace promotion activities.

joined the network bringing membership close to 300 members by the end of 2007. With low membership in Wallonia (25%), a cross-party membership-drive letter was mailed out in January 2008 and membership for the whole of Belgium reached 308 by April 1st with already 21 new members joining in 2008. This is not only the highest number worldwide together with Germany, but this means also today well-over 50% of all Mayors in Belgium have become a member of Mayors for Peace.

Croatia (25 cities)

Mayors for Peace got firmly established in Croatia last year. 22 new members joined in 2007. The city of Koprivnica was also among the first cities to commit financial support to the international campaign.

Czech Republic (28 members)

Also in the Czech Republic the network recruited many new members. The new Czech League of Mayors against the Radar joined protests against the deployment of a US radar for National Missile Defence/Star Wars. Opinion-polls showed consistently around 70% of Czechs as opposed to the radar. Mayors for Peace spoke and held a workshop in an international conference on October 20 bringing together civil society and almost 100 Czech Mayors. A video-message by the President of Mayors for Peace received very positive national TV coverage.

Denmark (12 members)

Denmark had no members prior to 2007. Today we welcomed 10 new members cities from Denmark, including the capital Copenhagen. This was the result of hard work by Caecilia Buhman from IPPNW and John Avery from Pugwash Denmark. They were also the main organisers for the visit of Mayor Akiba to Copenhagen for a Symposium on Peace Education and a visit to a high-school where 500+ youth participated.

The Mayor of Copenhagen mailed an invitation to all Danish Mayors to join Mayors for Peace.



Belgium: Meeting in Gent City Hall with Mayor Daniel Termont (r) in preparation of the Peace Forest. The Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki are invited to plant the first trees on November 12th 2008. The Peace Forest in Gent wants to draw attention to the 2020 Vision Campaign and to well-over 2,000 nuclear tests which have brought immense environmental destruction.

Belgium (313 members)



In Belgium most attention went to the pilot-project concerning fundraising in 2007 for the international campaign. The pilot-project gave satisfying results and gave an important signal and encouragement to the Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace to approve an appeal to the entire global membership for voluntary financial contributions for the 2020 Vision Campaign.

In the fall a second cross-party letter was mailed to Flemish mayors. In 2007 over 48 new members



A Mayors for Peace presentation during the international conference in Brdy (Czech Republic) made vivid the fact that the actual stockpile of 26,000 nuclear warheads holds a potential of 6,822 Megaton. This is 454,800 times the explosive power of the single 15 kiloton bomb dropped on Hiroshima. The bomb on Hiroshima killed 140,000 people in 1945.

Estonia ([4 members](#))

We welcomed 3 new members, the result of our presence at the Union of Baltic Cities conference in Parnu, Estonia in September 2007. An important development was the membership of Parnu, the hosting city of the UBC Conference. Also the Mayor of Kuressaare, joined Mayors for Peace. The Mayor of Kuressaare was later nominated by the ECMR (European Council of Municipalities and Regions) and elected as a member of World Council of UCLG in Jeju (South Korea).

The Association of Estonian Municipalities has interest to bring the 2020 Vision Campaign of the Mayors for Peace to the attention of the Council meeting of the Association.

Finland ([2 members](#))

Women for Peace Finland and the Finnish Peace Council announced a new initiative at the start of 2008 to encourage Finnish Mayors to join the network. A brochure was produced.

France ([96 members](#))

Membership in France is growing steadily with 17 new members in 2007. This is the result of ongoing efforts of the AFCDRP (Association Française des Communes, Départements et Régions pour la Paix) hosted at the City Hall of Malakoff (Paris). We also note an increasing involvement of the French peace movement with the 2020 Vision Campaign such as the national 'Mouvement pour la Paix' which is mobilising its local peace groups following the latest municipal elections.

Germany [\(307 members\)](#)

Together with Belgium, Germany has more members than any other countries. Germany welcomed 21 new members in 2007. They held the Annual Meeting of German Mayors for Peace in Hannover in October where there was an interesting debate about the role of Germany within NATO. The CDU Mayor from Mutlangen, site of former Pershing II base, plays an important role in Germany. He was part of organising an event in December with Pressehutte Mutlangen to mark the 20th anniversary of the historic INF-treaty.

Germany is one of the best organized countries. There are regular meetings with the NGO's for the campaign "Unsere zukunft atomwaffenfrei" (our nuclear weapon free future). They have an excellent website with a database of all German members which is produced in co-operation with German NGO's www.mayorsforpeace.de

The City Hall of Hannover communicated during the Executive Conference that they will take a cross-party approach to encourage the German members to make financial contributions to the international 2020 Vision Campaign.

Three German cities took part in the Vienna delegation to the NPT PrepCom (see Austria and International Campaigning)

Hungary [\(3 members\)](#)

Two new cities joined through a sister-city initiative from German members. An illustration how existing sister-city relationships can be important to develop Mayors for Peace.

Ireland [\(3 members\)](#)

Mayors for Peace participated in the NFLA (Nuclear Free Local Authorities) meeting of UK and Irish members in Dublin in December 2007. During a second meeting in the margin of the Article VI Forum in March 2008 the Lord Mayor of Dublin committed the Irish capital to help recruitment in Ireland.



On October 1st 2007 Ms. Anna Giulia Guarneri, the Mayor of Ghedi (Italy), is the first one to sign the law proposal petition declaring Italy a Nuclear Weapon Free Zone. The Italian airforce base in Ghedi hosts US nuclear weapons against the will of the people. On March 27th 2008 a delegation presented to the Italian Parliament 67.248 certified signatures of Italian citizens asking the Republic of Italy to be declared a Nuclear Weapon Free Zone. For six months almost 100 local committees of concerned citizens, assisted by mayors and councillors, collected signatures for this law proposal.

Italy [\(265 members\)](#)

The Mayor of Florence, Vice-President of Mayors for Peace, is also the President of the Italian Association of Municipalities (ANCI). 45 Italian members joined Mayors for Peace during 2007.

The Mayor of Florence, Leonardo Domenici, hosted the 7th Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace in the historic Palazzo Vecchio. The Mayor vowed to provide global leadership in preparing for the Disarmament Decade called for by the UN General Assembly.

The City of Florence organised a Conference for Italian Mayors in conjunction with the Executive Conference with good attendance. Special guests were the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. All Mayors of the Region of Tuscany and all members of Coordinamento Nazionale Enti Locali per la Pace e i Diritti Umani (the network of local government institutions for Peace) of Italy were invited to this conference.

During 2007 the Mayors of Aviano and Ghedi showed leadership concerning deployment of US nuclear weapons on their territory. The Mayors were the first signatories of a broad based popular initiative to declare Italy a NWFZ. Over 50 organisations have gathered over 60,000 signatures to table the law proposal in the Italian Parliament. Almost 200 municipalities and provinces supported



Mr. Francisco Posa, Mayor of Frascati (near Rome), officially joined Mayors for Peace during a weekend of activities. Ms. Seiko Ikeda, a survivor of the Hiroshima A-bomb received honorary citizenship of Frascati”



National Parliament in Rome - On Thursday March 27th 2008 a delegation of ‘Un Futuro senza Atomiche’ presented to the Italian Parliament 67.248 certified signatures of Italian citizens asking the Republic of Italy to be declared a Nuclear Weapon Free Zone. The parliament now has to consider the law proposal.

this campaign. A mail of support was sent to all Italian Mayors by Mayor Akiba, encouraging them to support this important initiative within the 2020 Vision campaign. The Mayors of Aviano and Ghedi also co-operated for the international Op-ed marking the 20th anniversary of the INF Treaty.

In 2007 Mayors for Peace was represented during commemorative events in Frascati (city near Rome) and in Milano for a Conference organised by the Region of Milano. In early 2008 Mayors for Peace participated in the Tavola per la Pace and the meeting of the Coordinamento Nazionale Enti Locali per la Pace e i Diritti Umani. The 2020 Vision Campaign can now count on the support of this national network which represents over 700 municipalities, provinces and regions. This holds an important potential for capacity building in 2008.

Luxembourg [\(46 members\)](#)

Today Luxembourg has one of the best represented countries worldwide considering it counts only a total of 116 cities and municipalities. This is the result of a fruitful co-operation between the two largest cities, Luxembourg and Esch, with the NGO Friddensinitiativ.

During a meeting with Mr. Paul Helminger, the Mayor of Luxembourg, in January 2008 several activities were discussed for 2008, including a cross-party letter to the 46 members to encourage voluntary financial contributions and a new initiative to increase membership. Preparations are also made for meeting of the member cities coinciding with the visit of Mayor Akiba Tadatoshi to Luxembourg on November 9th 2008.

Netherlands [\(38 members\)](#)

There is a slow and steady growth of Mayors for Peace in The Netherlands thanks to the work of IPPNW Netherlands who have set up a 'support campaign for Mayors for Peace'. In 2007 the support group published a brochure with a comprehensive report of the visit of Mayor Akiba and other delegates to The Hague in July 2006. That event marked the 10th anniversary of the ICJ Advisory Opinion with regard to the legal status of nuclear weapons. The report has been distributed to Mayors across Netherlands and resulted in 10 new memberships. In the first months of 2008 another 4 members joined.

Remarkable during 2007 was the support of the Mayor of Volkel in support of the withdrawal of US nuclear weapons from territory of Uden through an Op-ed with her colleagues from Aviano and Ghedi (Italy), Peer (Belgium), Buechel (Germany), and Incirlik (Turkey).

In 2008 IKV/Pax Christi, the largest peace organization in The Netherlands decided, to support the 2020 Vision Campaign and further development of Mayors for Peace. IKV was the organization coordinating the historic protests for nuclear disarmament during the 1980's bringing hundreds of thousands of people into the streets of The Hague and Amsterdam.

Also VNG, the Dutch Association of cities and municipalities, decided to assist the Mayors for Peace. The VNG plays a key role in the UCLG Committee for Cities Diplomacy together with Mayor Jozias van Aartsen of The Hague.

Norway [\(64 members\)](#)

There has been further significant growth in Norway in 2007 with 12 new members. Mayors for Peace receives considerable support as 147 Norwegian Mayors signed the statement in 2004 for the 2005 NPT Review Conference. Norwegian NGO's and Mayors had a 2020 Vision Campaign meeting in fall 2007 where they discussed plans for 2008. There will be a focus on further membership-recruitment and activities for Mayors to involve the population.

Portugal [\(16 members\)](#)

There was an important increase with 13 new members in 2007 thanks to the involvement of Portuguese NGO's such as the Conselho Português para Paz e Cooperação.

Spain [\(88 members\)](#)

Mayor Akiba visited Guernica for the commemoration of the first city to experience an aerial bombardment on April 26th 1937.

Spain has a large membership of Mayors for Peace thanks to the efforts of Greenpeace Spain. Mayors for Peace could not attend an "International forum for a global nuclear disarmament" in Madrid in November 2007. During three days, 2000 people including ambassadors and representatives of 10 countries as well as 20 Universities and 50 organizations from 31 countries discussed global nuclear disarmament.

On May 31st 2008 Mayors for Peace participated in the 70th anniversary of the bombardment of Granollers during the civil war.

Sweden [\(4 members\)](#)

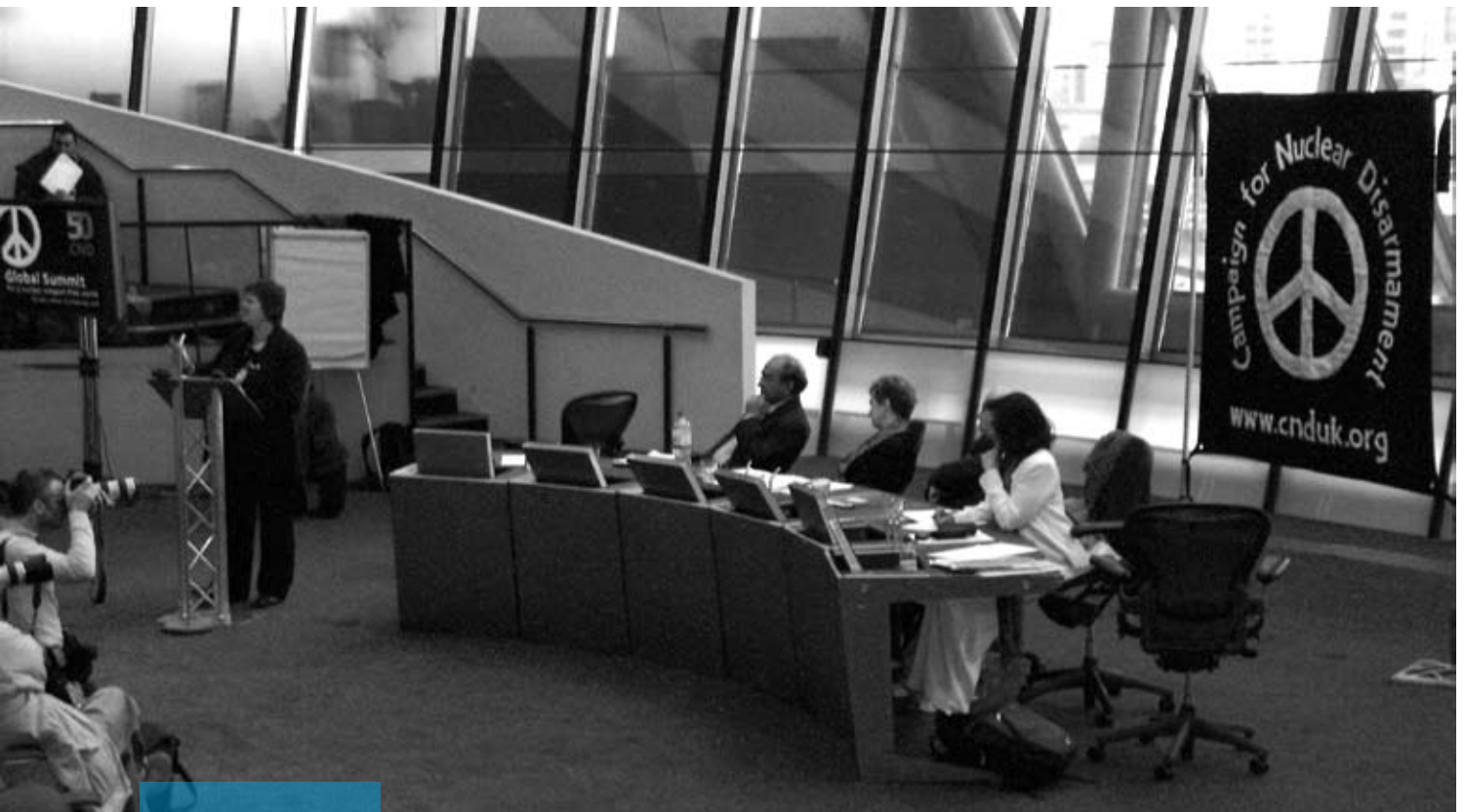
Mayor Akiba Tadatoshi travelled to Stockholm in November 2007 to participate in conferences and meetings organised by IPPNW Sweden – SLMK, including a meeting at City Hall.

Switzerland [\(16 members\)](#)

The city of Heiden joined in 2008. Geneva and Lausanne were amongst the first cities to commit themselves to support the 2020 Vision Campaign financially. The City of Geneva rolled out the red carpet and gave support in many ways to the Mayoral delegation attending the NPT PrepCom April 28 - 30th 2008. For this occasion the Cities of Geneva and Lausanne have also invited nearly 150 larger Swiss cities to join the Mayors for Peace.

Turkey [\(10 members\)](#)

Encouraging news was the membership and involvement of the Mayor of Incirlik who signed the Op-ed asking withdrawal of US nukes from the territory of Incirlik together with his colleagues from



London Mayor Ken Livingstone welcomed a 2 day Global Summit marking the 50th anniversary of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament in London City Hall (UK).

Belgium, Germany, Italy and The Netherlands. Important support was given by Greenpeace Turkey. A deputy Mayor of Dulce participated in the Vienna Delegation.

UK (46 members)

Manchester was the first city worldwide to declare its territory a NWFZ in 1980. Manchester is a member of the Executive Conference. They continue to play a leading role in the Nuclear Free Local Authorities network which had a forum in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. In 2007, five new cities joined the Mayors for Peace network.

In March 2007, a video by Mayor Akiba was shown in Trafalgar Square, London, at a massive demonstration against the replacement of Trident submarines, and Mayor Livingstone spoke.

In February 2008 Mayors for Peace participated in a global summit towards nuclear disarmament hosted by Mayor Ken Livingstone in London City Hall. A second video message from Mayor Akiba was featured in the summit, which marked the 50th anniversary of CND (Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament), the largest peace organisation in Europe.

Europe

MEMBERS 1463

Albania (1), Austria (28), Belarus (1), Belgium (313), Bosnia and Herzegovina (1), Bulgaria (3), Croatia (25), Denmark (12), Czech Republic (28), Estonia (4), Finland (2), France (96), Georgia (1), Germany (307), Greece (5), Ireland (3), Italy (265), Kazakhstan (4), Kyrgyz (1), Hungary (3), Latvia (1), Lithuania (2), Luxembourg (46), Malta (1), Moldova (1), Netherlands (38), Norway (64), Poland (6), Portugal (16), Romania (4), Russia (13), Serbia (3), Slovakia (1), Slovenia (2), Spain (88), Sweden (4), Switzerland (16), Tajikistan (2), Ukraine (3), United Kingdom (46), Uzbekistan (3).

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

Latin American and Caribbean regions count 44 member cities in 19 countries. This situation may change because of a new European Volunteer, Ms. Jaira Valenzuela Toledo, whose mother tongue is Spanish, has joined the Campaign Secretariat. She began to communicate in Spanish with our member cities to built capacity. We are in touch with OPANAL, the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean. OPANAL is an inter-governmental agency created by the Treaty of Tlatelolco, the world's first Nuclear Weapon Free Zone.

In 2007 we counted 3 new members. In 2007, Buenos Aires became the sixth Latin American capital city to join Mayors for Peace. The first months of 2008 already another 3 members joined. In 2007, the Peace Boat visited Venezuela with plans to hold a major meeting with Venezuelan members. The scheduling of early elections meant that the planned meeting had to be cancelled, but Peace Boat will try again this year. Meanwhile Sucre became the first Venezuelan city to join the network.

LATIN AMERICA

44 MEMBERS

Argentina (7), Bolivia (2), Brazil (6), Chile (4), Costa Rica (3), Cuba (2), Dominica (1), Dominican Republic (2), Ecuador (2), Guyana (1), Honduras (1), Jamaica (1), Mexico (3), Nicaragua (1), Paraguay (1), Peru (2), Trinidad and Tobago (2), Uruguay (1), Venezuela (2).

NORTH AMERICA

Canada [\(70 members\)](#)

Last summer the Pugwash Peace Exchanges hosted a conference celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs. The President of Mayors for Peace, Mayor Tadatoshi Akiba, was a keynote speaker. In anticipation of his arrival, Mayors from Nova Scotian towns joined Mayors for Peace.

15 new members joined in 2007 and another 7 joined at the start of 2008. In spring 2007 an appeal was distributed by members of the New Democratic Party federal caucus to mayors in their ridings (constituencies). Alexa McDonough, the NDP's Peace Advocate and former Foreign Affairs Critic, has been an active supporter of Mayors for Peace as chair of the Canadian Parliamentary Network for Nuclear Disarmament (PNND), as well as a co-president of the global PNND network.

USA [\(125 members\)](#)

In 2007 we welcomed 29 new members in the US. In the initial months of 2008 we welcomed 4 new members, including Chicago, the third largest city in the US. An initiative by students at De Paul University prompted Mayor Richard Daley to sign up with Mayors for Peace.

In January 2007, in conjunction with the winter meeting of US Conference of Mayors in Washington, DC, delegations of Mayors for Peace members visited the embassies of Russia and China to follow-up on a letter from the USCM to the Ambassador of these countries regarding the Cities Are Not Targets resolution that had been adopted by USCM in 2006. A delegation also met with US State Department officials. Mayor Thomas O'Grady of North Olmsted, Ohio, reported to the USCM's International Affairs Committee on this work and Mr. Tovish reported on international developments in the 2020 Vision Campaign.

Mayors for Peace attended the US Conference of Mayors summer meeting in June, where we recruited new members. The USCM adopted a resolution "Calling on All Nations and All World Powers to Prohibit the Use of Any Weapon of Mass Destruction Against Cities and Other Civilian Targets and Encouraging them to Embrace the



Mr. Donald L. Plusquellic, Mayors for Peace Vice-President and Mayor of Akron during the the National League of Cities conference in New Orleans (USA).

Concept of Peace,” in support of the Mayors for Peace Cities Are Not Targets (CANT) campaign. The resolution was proposed by Mayors for Peace member, Thomas O’Grady and gained the sponsorship of several other members and the Mayor of Las Vegas, Oscar Goodman. (Las Vegas was the host of the 2006 USCM summer meeting where the first Cities Are Not Targets resolution was adopted.)

Starting August 2007, Jackie Cabasso was hired by the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation as an Executive Advisor and North America Coordinator for the 2020 Vision Campaign.

On 26 October, Ms. Cabasso, on behalf of Mayors for Peace and other NGOs, made a presentation on good faith and nuclear disarmament to the First Committee of the United Nations. Later that day she spoke on behalf of Mayors for Peace at a “Forum on Legislators and the United Nations Disarmament Agenda” hosted by Mayors for Peace, the Parliamentary Network for Nuclear Disarmament, and the Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons.

In November, Mayors for Peace organized an exhibit at the annual convention of the National League of Cities in New Orleans, Louisiana, where we displayed the Hiroshima-Nagasaki poster exhibit, promoting it to U.S. cities, and did reach out to potential new members of Mayors for Peace. The Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation began to schedule the first of what is hoped will be at least 101 poster exhibitions in the United States in 2008 (at least 2 exhibitions in each state plus 1 in Washington, DC).

In December, Mayors for Peace was represented at a meeting on “Municipal Diplomacy” in Washington, DC, convened by the Cities for Peace/Cities for Progress Project of the Institute for Policy Studies.

In January 2008, Mayor Donald Plusquellic, Vice President of Mayors for Peace spoke to the USCM International Affairs Committee about the work of Mayors for Peace and the recent decisions in Florence, Italy, regarding the 2020 Vision Campaign. He introduced Ms. Cabasso to the Committee members.

NORTH AMERICA

195 MEMBERS
Canada (70), United States (125).

OCEANIA

Australia (46 members)

We count 5 new members in 2007 and already 2 at the start of 2008. Mayors for Peace activities has seen a renewal in Australia with the involvement of the Medical Association for Prevention of War (MAPW-IPPNW Australia), the ICAN Campaign, and the Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) all engaging in recruiting and supporting membership, and organizing events. Doctors from MAPW have visited mayors around the country, leading to membership of four Councils, and an expected further number in coming months.

A meeting was held in Melbourne on the 16 August, hosted by the City of Yarra, which had recently joined Mayors for Peace, and supported by the ICAN Campaign and the VLGA.

In November a side event was held at the Australian Local Government Association Conference. This event featured a presentation via Internet (Skype) by Mayor Akiba, and was also addressed by the City of Yarra and the VLGA. At the Darwin Conference, the City of Yarra agreed to take on a national secretariat role for Mayors for Peace, with the VLGA supporting this work.

New Zealand (30 members)

New Zealand has one of the highest proportions of Mayors involved in our network. It was the Parliamentary Network for Nuclear Disarmament (New Zealand section) which got the ball rolling a couple of years ago with a letter going to all New Zealand Mayors encouraging them to join Mayors for Peace.

On March 8th 2007 Waitakere City Council declared itself a “City for Peace”, building on its eco and safe city agendas and joining the increasing number of Peace Cities around the world. In declaring itself a City of Peace, Waitikere significantly increases its capacity to be an active participant in the 2020 Vision Campaign.

Christchurch is member of the Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace. The new Mayor of Christchurch, Mr. Bob Parker, officially accepted membership in the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign Association very soon after his election at the end of 2007.



During the Australian Local Government Association Conference in Darwin the President of Mayors for Peace has a discussion from Hiroshima with Australian colleagues making use of the internet with Skype.

OCEANIA

85 MEMBERS
Australia (46),
Fiji (2),
French Polynesia (1),
Marshall (1),
Micronesia (2),
New Zealand (30),
Northern Mariana Islands (1),
Papua New Guinea (1),
Solomon Islands (1).

INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGNING

During the 2007-2008 period covered by this report, the second, Good Faith Challenge, phase of the 2020 Vision Campaign was completed and the plans for the third phase were decided upon and set in motion. International activity on the Good Faith Challenge took three forms:

- **Pressing for multilateral negotiations on nuclear disarmament**
- **Advancing the concept Cities Are Not Targets! among municipal associations**
- **Aiming for 2020 Mayors for the 2020 Vision**

The many activities contributing to this work which occurred at the local and national level are covered in the country reports section

Pressing for multilateral negotiations on nuclear disarmament

The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) relies upon the Conference on Disarmament (CD) to serve as the venue for the nuclear disarmament negotiations called for in Article VI of the Treaty. Each year, the presidency of the CD rotates alphabetically through six of its member states. For the first time in 2006, the six presiding ambassadors closely coordinated their efforts throughout the year. In March 2007, the six CD presidents for 2007 proposed a program of work for the CD which they hoped could gain the required consensus support. In March 2007, the President of Mayors for Peace wrote to all the Heads of Delegation to the CD urging unified support for the proposal of the 'Six Presidents.' As the first

Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) meeting for the 2010 NPT Review Conference approached in May 2007, the CD was closer to consensus than at any time in the previous ten years.

The Mayors for Peace delegation to the PrepCom made a final push for consensus in the CD the central theme of its lobbying efforts. The delegation was organized by Senator Patrik Vankrunkelsven, former Mayor of Laakdal, and was led by Mayor Tadatashi Akiba. It had city representatives from Belgium, Germany, Turkey, and northern Cyprus. It met with many government delegations and participated in several NGO meetings. On May 2nd, Mayor Akiba represented the organization in the session of the PrepCom addressed

by NGO. He urged Heads of Government to step in personally to ensure unity around the Six Presidents' Proposal and save the reputation of the CD. His speech was received with sustained applause by the diplomats.

Unfortunately, by the end of its 2007 session, consensus still eluded the CD. If there were private efforts by Heads of Governments, they were insufficient. The lack of any public efforts signaled a resignation to continuing deadlock. In phase three of the 2020 Vision Campaign, Mayors for Peace will be challenging Heads of Government, as a crucial sign of good faith, to lead their government's delegation to 2010 NPT Review Conference (see Cities Appeal).

Advancing the concept of Cities Are Not Targets! among municipal associations

When first issuing the Good Faith Challenge in The Hague in July 2006, Mayors for Peace identified a specific challenge for mayors and cities: to shake off the passive, hostage mentality of cities toward the threat of mutually assured destruction. Inspired by a resolution proposed by Mayors for Peace members in the United States and adopted by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, this took the form of our Cities Are Not Targets! project. In 2007, the international focus of activity was gaining further support from mayoral and municipal associations, nationally, regionally, and ultimately internationally. In March 2007, Mayors for Peace was invited to present the 2020 Vision Campaign to the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) and to observe the Executive Council of United Cities and

Local Governments (UCLG) in back-to-back meetings in the Hotel de Ville in Paris. That summer, CEMR informed UCLG of its support for the Mayors for Peace campaign and the Cities Are Not Targets! rallying cry. Mayor Akiba was invited to address the Second World Congress of the UCLG on these topics. At the World Congress in Jeju, South Korea, Mayor Akiba welcomed support from UCLG for the 2020 Vision Campaign and called for joint action to ensure that Cities Are Not Targets of weapons of mass destruction of conventional attack. The following day, 31 October 2007, the Jeju Declaration was adopted with the following paragraph included:

"We recall that the use of conventional armaments is at present the cause of

unbearable suffering for civil populations. We support, moreover the initiative of the Mayors for Peace campaign, which lobbies the international community to renounce weapons of mass destruction. We call on all nation states and armed groups to cease considering cities as military objectives – 'cities are not targets'."

As 2008 has been identified by the UN Population Fund as the year that for the first time in history the majority of humanity resides in cities, this statement by the foremost international association of cities is particularly significant. In the third phase of the Campaign, Mayors for Peace will work with UCLG to advance the Cities Are Not Targets! concept at the United Nations as part of a general recognition that cities have a stake and role in international peace and security.



Dr. Tadatoshi Akiba, President of Mayors for Peace receives the Nuclear-Free Future Award on October 19th 2007 during a ceremony in Salzburg, Austria. The Award honors individuals for their outstanding commitment to creating a world freed from the nuclear threat.



The President of Mayors for Peace during the UCLG World Conference Jeju, South Korea. On 31 October 2007 the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign received the endorsement of the UCLG, the world largest and most widely recognized mayoral association.

Aiming for 2020 Mayors for the 2020 Vision

In the 25th anniversary year of Mayors for Peace, the organization conducted an international membership drive with the objective of ‘2020 Mayors for the 2020 Vision.’ The continued growth of Mayors for Peace is an important indicator of the vitality of the 2020 Vision Campaign. In 2006, membership growth had dropped below 300 new cities; making it to 2020 would require recruiting over 600 cities.

On 28th January 2008, Mayor Akiba was able to announce that the goal had been reached. Please see the country activity reports for details on of how this was accomplished.

The 2020 Vision Campaign has declared its intention to help sustain membership growth at the rate of ‘a member a day’ throughout phase three of the Campaign. The January 2008 decision

by the Japanese National Council of Nuclear-Weapon-Free Local Authorities to encourage Japanese cities to join Mayors for Peace has meant that far more than one city a day has joined up in the first half of 2008. If the one-a-day pace can be sustained through all of phase three, membership should stand at over 3000 cities in August 2010.

Plans for phase three: Preparing for the UN Decade for Disarmament

Beginning in mid 2007, the Campaign staff consulted closely with Mayor Akiba and other Executive Conference members about the third phase of the 2020 Vision Campaign. Shortly thereafter it was discovered that our thinking about a “Decisive Decade for Nuclear Disarmament” coincided closely with an initiative taken by the UN Ambassador of Sierra Leone for a UN Decade for Disarmament. With the backing of the Non-Aligned Movement, this concept was adopted by the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in a resolution call for preparations to begin in the UN Disarmament Commission in 2009. The Executive Conference, meeting in Florence, Italy, at the invitation of Mayor Leonardo Domenici, adopted as the theme of the third phase: Preparing for the UN Decade for Disarmament, with special emphasis at the international level on the NPT review process, the Hiroshima-

Nagasaki August commemorations, and the First Committee of the UNGA.

In early 2008, the civil society advisers of Mayors for Peace were consulted how to keep the 2020 Vision viable despite five years of no progress (and some backsliding) toward a nuclear-weapon-free world. With the NPT in mind, a protocol complementary to the Treaty has been drafted that would commit its signatories to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world by the year 2020.

This protocol, known as the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol, was unveiled in Geneva at the second NPT PrepCom by Mayor Akiba, Senator Vankrunkelsven, and Mayor Luc Dehaene of Ypres, Belgium, during the NGO presentation session. A meeting jointly organized by Mayors for Peace and the Middle Powers Initiative provide a further opportunity for Mayor

Akiba and Campaign Director Aaron Tovish to propound further on the strategy of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol. That meeting was also addressed by the MPI Program Director James Wurst, New Zealand MP and former Disarmament Minister Marian Hobbs, and the ambassadors of India and Mexico to the Conference on Disarmament.

The Protocol will be circulated worldwide for the support of mayors and other city representatives through signature of a ‘Cities Appeal’ to the NPT review process. Already the US Conference of Mayors has endorsed the Appeal/Protocol. The interim results of the signature drive will be presented to the third PrepCom in May 2009. If the third PrepCom is blocked from taking action, in September 2009, we aim, on the basis of even broader

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international support from cities and governments, to have the UN General Assembly commend the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol to the positive attention of the 2010 NPT Review Conference.

This year we aim to have the Cities Are Not Targets project become a joint project of Mayors for Peace and UCLG. We propose a division of labor: Mayors for Peace would take responsibility of systematically tracking and condemning all instances of political or military leaders threatening to use weapons of mass destruction, while UCLG would do the same for instance of the use of explosive force in populated areas. This proposal was aired by Mayor Akiba, via a video message, at the first World Conference on City Diplomacy. His suggestions very well received by the conference participants and will be taken up in Quito, Ecuador, at the UCLG Executive Bureau with a view to its adoption by the UCLG World Council in Istanbul, Turkey, in November 2008. Meanwhile Mayors for Peace will take the issue of Cities Are Not Targets to the First Committee of the UN General Assembly. Inspired by the historic effort of Florentine Mayor Giorgio La Pira in the 1950s, plans have also been developed to facilitate the involvement of capital cities in the phase three of the Campaign. Capital cities are particularly well-positioned to draw the attention of national mayoral associations, the media, and governments to preparations for the UN Decade for Disarmament.

The 2020 Vision Campaign Association will provide continuous guidance for the Campaign Secretariat throughout this phase of the Campaign. There was a Board meeting in Geneva and there will be a second in November just prior to the next General Meeting of the Association. Those meetings will be held in Ypres, Belgium, in conjunction with a major commemoration of that town's bombardment during World War I. The third General Meeting will coincide with and the Mayors for Peace General Conference in Nagasaki. The 2020 Vision Campaign will be the main agenda item of the General Conference, providing an opportunity to engage a good portion of the Mayors for Peace membership in campaign development. Based on plans crafted there, the fourth phase of the Campaign – a Decisive Decade for Nuclear Disarmament – should be set for a powerful launch in 2010.



Lobbying Belgian ambassador for Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol at UN in Geneva

THE HIROSHIMA-NAGASAKI PROTOCOL A protocol complementary to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons for achieving a nuclear-weapon-free world by the year 2020

Protocol complementary to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons for achieving a nuclear-weapon-free world by the year 2020.

Desiring to establish an over-arching means of addressing nuclear disarmament in all its aspects so as to facilitate the fulfillment by States Parties of their obligations under Article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, and with a view to all states fulfilling the nuclear disarmament obligation found by the International Court of Justice in their 1996 advisory opinion on the legality of the use or threat of nuclear weapons;

Considering that continued exploitation of the discriminatory nature of the Treaty, wherein nuclear-weapon States Parties are exempted from the prohibition on the acquisition of nuclear weapons, is incompatible with the pursuit in good faith of nuclear disarmament in all its aspects;

Considering further that full equality under international law must be re-established by the elimination of all nuclear arsenals as agreed in the 1995 Extension Conference decision on "Principles and Objectives";

Article I

1. The nuclear-weapon States Parties to this Protocol shall cease forthwith:

- (a) all activities related to the acquisition of nuclear weapon which non-nuclear-weapon States Parties are prohibited from pursuing under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;
- (b) all activities which incorporate nuclear weapons into their military doctrines and practices; and shall place all nuclear weapons and weapon-usable fissile materials in safe and secure storage at the earliest possible date.

2. All other States Parties to this Protocol possessing weapons-usable fissile material shall take those steps required of the nuclear-weapon States in paragraph 1 which apply to their circumstances.

Article II

1. The States Parties to this Protocol shall pursue in good faith negotiations on achieving nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under the following two main sections:

Section One negotiations will standardize and legally codify the measures taken under Article I, paragraph 1, (a) and (b).

Section Two negotiations will address:

- (c) the elimination of all nuclear weapons and related deployment systems, including delivery vehicles, launch platforms, and command and control systems.
- (d) the elimination of all infrastructure associated with the acquisition of nuclear-weapon system, including production and testing facilities, and of all weapon-usable fissile material stocks.

2. The negotiations called for in paragraph 1 shall have as their objective a Nuclear Weapons Convention or a comparable Framework Agreement. Negotiations shall begin forthwith and be pursued without interruption by all States Parties until this objective is achieved. A Secretariat for the negotiations shall be established that remains in operation until negotiations are concluded.

3. Every good faith effort shall be made to ensure that all measures related to Section One are agreed and implemented before or by 2015 and that all measures related to Section Two are agreed and implemented before or by 2020.

4. All measures contained or foreseen in the Nuclear Weapons Convention or Framework Agreement shall be subject to strict and effective international control and shall provide for international institutions capable of ensuring that the nuclear-weapon free world which is achieved can be maintained indefinitely.

Article III

Nothing in this Protocol shall be interpreted as diminishing in anyway the nonproliferation obligations of any State Party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons; including each State's obligation to cooperate in the establishment and operation of the international institutions of Article II, paragraph 4.



Launch of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol at the UN in Geneva

Send this back to: 2020visioncampaign@ieper.be or fax to +32-57-23 92 76 (Attn. Mayors for Peace)

Cities Appeal in support of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol

Mindful that according to the United Nations Population Fund, "In 2008, for the first time in history, more than half of the world's population will be living in towns and cities;" and that United Cities and Local Governments is recognized by UN agencies as the voice of cities worldwide;

Taking, in this regard, special note of the support expressed in the 2007 Jeju Declaration of the Second World Congress of United Cities and Local Governments for "the Mayors for Peace campaign, which lobbies the international community to renounce weapons of mass destruction;"

Noting that while the Biological Weapons Convention and the Chemical Weapons Convention prohibit the acquisition of such weapons of mass destruction without exemption, the Treaty of the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) exempts five "nuclear-weapons States" from the prohibition on the acquisition of nuclear weapons;

Underscoring that the aforementioned exemption was never meant to be permanent as all States were obligated to "pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to ... nuclear disarmament;"

Recalling that, in 2005, a Mayors for Peace statement based on a resolution of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and signed by 575 mayors worldwide called upon State Parties to the NPT to take a decision to commence negotiation on the elimination of nuclear weapons and weapon-usable fissile material, and that this resolution was presented in the Great Hall of the General Assembly to the NPT Review Conference President;

Alarmed that not only did the 2005 NPT Review Conference fail to reach agreement on any decisions whatsoever and but also that no negotiations whatsoever have occurred in the years since to advance the objective of nuclear disarmament;

Mindful that the elimination of all nuclear weapons by the year 2020 has become more difficult because of this lack of progress and other adverse developments, but convinced that with a rededication to good faith efforts the objective is still achievable;

Welcoming wholeheartedly the 62nd UN General Assembly decision to begin preparations for a UN Decade for Disarmament, 2010-2020;

We the undersigned elected representatives of citizens of our cities:

Call upon all people to contribute to the preparations for the UN Decade for Disarmament;

Pledge to do our utmost to ensure that it will be a decisive decade for nuclear disarmament;

Call upon the State Parties to the NPT to ensure that the current NPT review process lays the foundation for actual nuclear disarmament during the UN Disarmament Decade and, to that end, urge each Head of Government to lead the government delegation to the 2010 Review Conference and to include in the delegation at least one representative of the nation's cities;

Recommend for the immediate consideration of all States, not least each of our own, the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol (appended) as a direct means of fulfilling the promise of the NPT by the year 2020, thereby meeting the obligation found by the International Court of Justice "to conclude negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspect under strict and effective international control;"

Challenge all States to adopt the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Protocol without delay and to undertake in good faith to present to the 65th General Assembly in September 2010 the envisioned Nuclear Weapons Convention or Framework Agreement.

Signature: [Mayor, City Councilor, or other elected local authority representative]

(NOTE: Signing the Appeal does not make you a member of Mayors for Peace. If you wish to affiliate your city with Mayors for Peace please use the REGISTRATION FORM [look at http://tinyurl.com/54umck](http://tinyurl.com/54umck).)

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Please sign the Cities Appeal

Mr. Dinesh Kumar Thapaliya, Mayor and CEO of Kathmandu, capital of Nepal, was among the first to mail his support. He would like to extend every possible co-operation for the global campaign for achieving the Nuclear-Free-World.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For financial year 2007 (in euro)

Ypres Secretariat only; expenditure of the €180,000 contribution by Hiroshima and Nagasaki is controlled by the Hiroshima Secretariat.

Revenues and other support	
Friends of the Earth EVS	2794
Member cities voluntary contributions 2007	14802
Total revenues	17597

Expenses	
Campaign office staff Ypres	8495
EVS costs	1820
Insurance	377
Travel national	1189
Travel international	1263
Office communications	1122
Office supplies	901
Office maintenance	86
Financial costs	33
Total expenses	15287

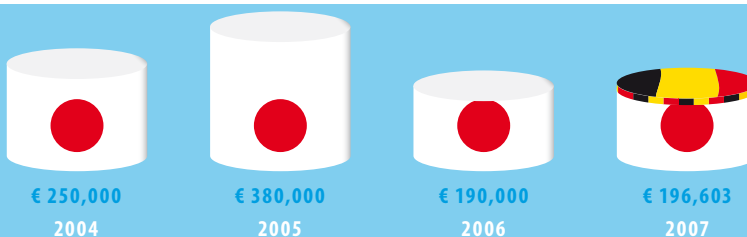
Balance at the end of the year	2309
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Financial results Belgian Pilot project 2007 in €

Member	Inhabitants	2007
Affligem	12169	300
Antwerpen	464038	1000
Beersel	23578	589
Boechout	12149	125
Bornem	20233	500
Eeklo	19565	250
Geetbets	5786	145
Gent	233925	1000
Hamont-Achel	13802	100
Heist-op-den-Berg	38537	125
Huy	20102	50
Ichtegem	13425	125
Ieper	34880	1000
Ingelmunster	10602	275
Ittre	6087	150
Kapellen	26104	250
Kapelle-op-den-bos	8916	223
Kaprijke	6161	150
Knokke-Heist	34134	850
Kortrijk	73777	1000
Kruibeke	15288	375
Kuurne	12625	315
Lennik	8729	200
Maaseik	23632	591
Machelen	12684	313
Mesen	983	25
Nazareth	11000	274
Nijlen	20976	250
Ottignies-Louvain-la-Neuve	30188	250
Peer	15911	400
Ravels	13879	375
Rotselaar	15059	375
Ruislede	5111	129
Sint-Truiden	38333	961
Staden	10956	275
Steenokkerzeel	10988	270
Voeren	43261	106
Wetteren	23500	588
Wortegem-Petegem	6084	152
Zoersel	20711	100
Zottegem	24578	614
Zwijndrecht	18411	460
TOTAL BELGIUM		15603

Some Belgian cities had not wired their committed contribution for 2007 before the end of the fiscal year. This explains the difference between the number for "member cities voluntary contributions" in the Financial Statements and the final result in this table.

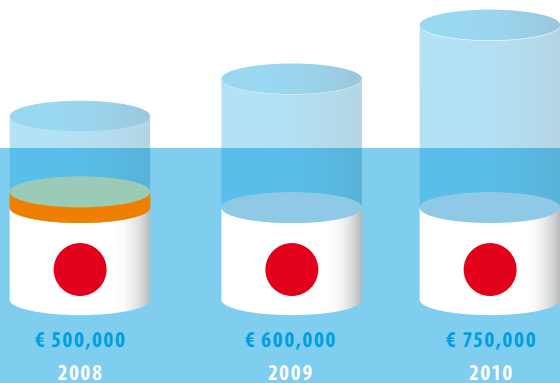
FUNDRAISING



Contributions from member cities up to June 26th 2008

There is still a long way to go. We have almost realized 20% of the budget. Particularly notable is the solidarity and leadership of larger cities such as Heidelberg (Germany) and Geneva and Lausanne (Switzerland) generously demonstrating their solidarity with Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Let this be an inspiration to other large cities. But of course we also recognize the importance of the many smaller municipalities. We wish to thank everybody who has brought us this far and look forward to the many other member cities who will come on board to match the average annual contribution of 250,000 Euro by Hiroshima and Nagasaki before January 1st 2009.

Member	Inhabitants	2008	Member	Inhabitants	2008
<i>> continuation of previous table</i>					
Japan			Canada		
Hiroshima & Nagasaki		250000	Chetwynd	2600	57
Australia			Duncan	5000	112
Leichhardt	51000	1146	Croatia		
Melbourne	3800000	280	Koprivnica	30000	993
Belgium			France		
25 Cities and municipalities donated the exact same amount in 2007. These cities are listed in green in the Financial results 2007 and are not repeated in the list below.			Malakoff	29402	1000
Amay	13339	130	Germany		
Bornem	20233	506	Heidelberg	145000	5000
Brasschaat	37133	928	Netherlands		
Brussel	145917	1000	Bloemendaal	16876	422
Clavier	4211	105	Maasgouw	24559	625
Dendermonde	43521	1100	Spain		
Durbuy	10633	125	Riudecanyes	787	20
Forest	48700	1217	Vila-seca	15000	500
Habay	8000	200	Switzerland		
Hamois	7000	50	Geneve	185000	4727
Hasselt	70000	1750	Lausanne	128302	1845
Hechtel Eksel	11517	100	UK		
Herzele	16822	425	Oxford	150000	500
Huy	20102	500			
Ingelmunster	10602	250			41869
Knokke-Heist	34134	851			
Maarkedal	6460	160			
Maaseik	23632	594			
Meerhout	9463	237			
Melle	10500	260			
Middelkerke	17841	452			
Mortsel	24423	611			
Nazareth	11000	275			
Oostkamp	22000	550			
Ruislede	5111	128			
Schelle	7806	195			
Saint-Léger	3199	50			
Sint-Lievens-Houtem	9481	237			
Stabroek	17500	443			
Thuin	14625	100			
Waasmunster	10329	250			
Waregem	36000	900			
Wortegem-Petegem	6084	154			
			TOTAL WORLDWIDE		292551



On June 1st, 2008

16.58% has been realised or promised thus far

Campaign Funding Objectives

By the end of 2008: € 250,000
(matching the Hiroshima/Nagasaki contribution)

By the end of 2009: € 350,000

By the end of 2010: € 500,000
(double the Hiroshima/Nagasaki contribution)

Promising results from a Belgian pilot project

By June, 2008, already 66 City Councils in Belgium have approved financial support for the 2020 Vision Campaign. In 2007, we raised nearly € 15,000, and by the end of 2008 we anticipate raising approximately € 25,000, with potential for further growth in coming years.

International fundraising effort

Following an International Appeal launched by the President and Executive Officials of Mayors for Peace on December 21st 2007, today cities around the world are considering resolutions on voluntary contributions, and we were happy to register the positive responses from Australia, Canada, Croatia, France, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, and the UK.

The Mayor of Malakoff – a Mayors for Peace Vice-President – has contacted the French members to encourage them to adopt a similar resolution. We are now preparing to conduct fundraising campaigns in countries with growing 2020 Vision Campaign involvement and Mayors for Peace membership. These include Austria, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, UK and the US. We will contact NGO's and Mayors in these countries for advice on the most appropriate approach to use in each country.



The first Board of Directors of the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign met in Geneva on April 28, 2008. Everybody agreed that the main organizational challenge is to increase our resources and to ensure good and transparent management.

The combined contributions of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during the first four years of the 2020 Vision Campaign has averaged € 250,000.

This overall level of support will be sustained from 2008 to 2010, although the actual level may vary from year to year. The 2005-2007 Hiroshima-Nagasaki campaign contributions are given in round figures since it is difficult to sharply distinguish between campaign expenses and general organizational expenses. The average total contribution of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to Mayors for Peace, 2004-2007, is over € 390,000.

The Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign

can only succeed with sufficient staff and funding to properly implement its ambitious plans.

Since 2004, on average, Hiroshima and Nagasaki have been spending roughly 250,000 Euro on 2020 Vision Campaign activities out of the total Mayors for Peace budget of over 390,000 Euro per year.

In a time of economic contraction, Hiroshima and Nagasaki cannot increase this funding to the level required for a more effective, global campaign. Thus, the success of the 2020 Vision Campaign is entirely dependent on the willingness of other Mayors for Peace members to provide financial support.

Use of Funds

The primary task of the 2020 Vision Campaign staff is to facilitate the participation of Mayors for Peace members in Campaign activities. Cities and Mayors cover all their own costs when participating in delegations or holding events in City Hall. These in-kind contributions do not appear in the Campaign budget, but are absolutely essential to the effectiveness of the Campaign. All staff activity involves mayors or other city officials.

1. Paying campaign staff.
2. Sending campaign staff to the UN for lobbying activities and Campaign activities.
3. Sending campaign staff and representatives to a wide variety of national and international conferences on peace, justice and environmental issues seeking to generate understanding and support for the 2020 Vision Campaign.
4. Communicating with mayoral associations and civil society groups around the world to coordinate our message and actions.
5. Organizing mayoral delegations to and hosting conferences and workshops at nuclear-weapons-related UN meetings.
6. Holding conferences in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
7. Hiring the services of a professional public relations firm to craft and help implement an effective media campaign.
8. Hiring regional coordinators to assist the campaign primarily in the nuclear-weapon states, the Middle East, Africa and Central/South America.
9. Creating first-rate printed and electronic campaign tools.
10. Creating a global campaign database to promote communications at all levels.

Control of Funds

Funds will be raised and controlled through the 2020 Vision Campaign Association in line with its Statutes, as described in the section on Structure. The International Secretariat currently has a bank account in Ypres that is under the control of the

On June 6th 2007 the Council of the historic Belgian City of Bruges decided to make a firm commitment to the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign. Starting in 2009 the Council decided to dedicate 0,025 Euro/inhabitant towards the elimination of nuclear weapons, and this all the way up to 2020. With 117,000 inhabitants this means 2,925 Euro for 2009. Over 12 years this will add up to about 35,000 Euro. Mr. Patrick Moenaert, the Mayor of Bruges, sends his best wishes to all the members of Mayors for Peace in our common struggle for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

—Mayor Patrick Moenaert, Bruges (Belgium)

Lord Mayor John So and his Council have adopted peace-building in their community as a priority high on their agenda. Their support for the 2020 Vision Campaign including financial- is a global reflection of a local attitude – willingness to work for and a desire to achieve a peaceful and safe environment.

“The City of Melbourne joined Mayors for Peace as we support the organization’s endeavours in working towards the total abolition of nuclear weapons and the pursuit of lasting world peace. The Melbourne City Council declared Melbourne to be a nuclear free city in May 2001... In this way, Council seeks to encourage the development of a peaceful community contributing to the harmony of the greater global environment”

—Lord Mayor John So, Melbourne (Australia)

Campaign Association. All funds raised for the campaign will enter this account.

The funds will be spent in accordance with by-laws, regulations and budgets produced by the International Secretariat and approved by the Board of Directors. The flow of funds will be routinely monitored by the Board Treasurer, who will help the International Secretariat produce quarterly and annual financial statements. These will be examined and approved by the Board of Directors, with periodic audits as required by law or by the Board. Financial statements will be reviewed annually by the General Meeting.

Sample City Council Resolution to Support “Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign”

Whereas the past decade has seen no sign of the “good faith negotiations” for the elimination of nuclear arsenals promised under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT, 1970) and mandated by an unanimous advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice in 1996;

Whereas the past decade has seen both horizontal (new countries in possession) and vertical (new types of weapons) proliferation of nuclear weapons;

Whereas the development of nuclear bunker-busters, mini-nukes and other “usable” nuclear weapons is increasing the probability that such weapons will be used;

Whereas reliable news reports and public statements of national policy have revealed that the taboo against the combat use of nuclear weapons is weakening;

Whereas any violation of the taboo against the use of nuclear weapons is extremely likely to stimulate further violations;

Whereas the use of even a small nuclear weapon could destroy a city, killing up to one million people, or disable a megaport or destroy a nuclear power plant, thereby severely damaging the global economy, and that a nuclear exchange of as few as 100 nuclear explosions would plunge the world into ten years of cold and famine resulting in up to one billion deaths;

Whereas the use of any nuclear weapon for any purpose whatsoever is illegal, immoral and obscenely dangerous;

Whereas it is vital to rapidly arouse the global public and create a worldwide political climate in strong, unwavering support of the taboo against the use of nuclear weapons; and

Whereas the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki have since 2003 been leading an emergency campaign to ban nuclear weapons but cannot afford to support the entire global campaign on their own;

Therefore be it resolved that the City of _____ openly declares its support for the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign to eliminate all nuclear weapons by the year 2020;

and be it further resolved that, as concrete evidence of this support, this city shall contribute a sum equivalent to € 0,025 per citizen (*) to assist the campaign; and finally, be it resolved that said sum shall be contributed by (date, 200?) and a similar sum contributed on that date every year until and including 2020 (or other year), subject to annual review of the campaign and the city’s commitment to it.

(*) amount chosen by most city councils. Please use your currency if applicable

Please find the translation of the draft City Council resolutions in Dutch, French, German, Italian and Spanish on following weblink www.2020visioncampaign.org/pages/325/

Mayor Zvonimir Mršić has been a generous and consistent supporter of the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign, having donated above and beyond the suggested rate of € 0.025 per inhabitant. Koprivnica is a shining example to the rest of the cities of the world of commitment to the goal of a nuclear arms-free earth. *“Koprivnica is aware of the importance of abolition of nuclear weapons as well as of negative effects that nuclear weapons may have not only on its citizens, but on the overall world population. In order to support stability, peace and prosperity on the local, regional and international level, Koprivnica has decided to join the «Mayors for Peace» initiative and provide financial support thus contributing to the quality of life of its citizens and citizens throughout the world.”*

—Mayor Zvonimir Mršić, Koprivnica (Croatia)

Mayor Theo Kelchtermans is another consistent and dedicated supporter of the 2020 Vision Campaign. For the city of Peer, the issue of nuclear arms has special resonance as it is believed that 20 US nuclear bombs, with an equivalent explosive force of 200 Hiroshima’s, are being stored at an airbase there.

“Mayors for Peace is demanding a worldwide ban on possession and use of atomic weapons. And who, today in God’s name, could possibly want to stand against this? A simple question, for which we are sadly enough still awaiting the answer. Mayors for Peace knows that the clock is ticking. And this time no one will be able to say “Dass haben wir nicht gewusst” (We did not know it was going on).”

—Mayor Theo Kelchtermans, Peer, (Belgium)

While Mayor Ms. Felicity-ann Lewis, the of the City of Marion (Australia), has decided to make a donation, also two councilors have decided to make a personal donation. We wish to thank Councillor Raelene Telfer and Councillor Irene Whennan for their solidarity and we hope that this will inspire other city councilors to make personal donations.

—Mayor Ms. Felicity-ann Lewis, Marion (Australia)

VISIBILITY



On October 20th 2007 a video-message of the President of Mayors for Peace for his Czech colleagues made it as the first item on national Czech television in the debate about National Missile Defense Star Wars. Resistance in Czech Republic against NMD remains strong with 70% of the Czech population opposed to a proposed radar base.



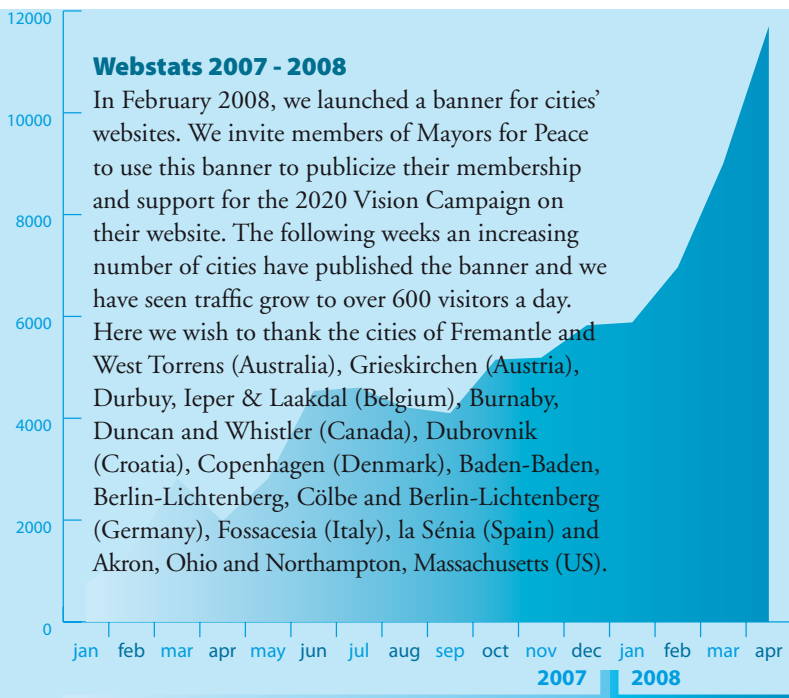
A Peace pillar is inaugurated by the Mayors of Hiroshima and Ypres during the official opening of the international campaign secretariat in Ypres City Hall. The Peace Pillar is a very good tool to inform citizens and visitors about nuclear weapons and the campaign to ban these by 2020.

The visibility of the 2020 Vision Campaign is still far from what we must achieve. For the general public, the existence of Mayors for Peace and the 2020 Vision Campaign is still a well-kept secret. Here cities and municipalities can make a difference by opening their communications channels. The Internet is perfectly suited to an international network like ours. In January 2007, a new website was opened by Mayors for Peace dedicated solely to the 2020 Vision Campaign. In 2007 we had an average of 187 visitors on average/day.

Mr. Tadatoshi Akiba, the President of Mayors for Peace, and Mr. Luc Dehaene, Mayor of Ypres inaugurated the first peace pillar in Ypres July 7th 2006. This first peace pillar about the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision campaign received a central spot in the city of Ypres and marked the opening of the new international campaign secretariat in Ypres. With the peace pillar a city or municipality can find an ideal way to draw public attention to the emergency campaign. Information on the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and also the actual threat going out of more than 26.000 nuclear warheads are communicated to the public. According to the Federation of the American Scientists these 26,000 nuclear weapons have a potential explosive power of 454,800 times the single 15 kT bomb which was dropped on Hiroshima.



If you want such a pillar in your city please contact the international campaign office in Ypres.



It is clear that there is an enormous potential to inform the citizens about the campaign with this simple action, since it is for free. Please ask the City webmaster to put this banner in a good visible place on the index page of your city's website. The banner can be downloaded from our website and should link to our campaign website www.2020visioncampaign.org.



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2020 Vision Campaign



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Put a banner on
your website:
traffic grow to over
600 visitors a day

www.2020visioncampaign.org/pages/333/

In 2008 we started to translate the 2020 Vision Campaign web page into Spanish and French to improve access to the campaign for members from Latin-America and French speaking regions in Europe and Africa. The City of Madrid offered to help with Spanish translations. We are looking for volunteers who can help with these translations. If you are interested or know somebody who can help, please contact:
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FLANDERS FIELD: THE CITY OF YPRES

Around 500,000 soldiers died on the territory of the Flemish City of Ypres during World War I (1914 - 1918).

Ypres was completely destroyed during this war as it found itself on the front-line. The city was completely evacuated between 1915 and 1918. By the end of the war the once beautiful and peaceful town had been completely destroyed. It was also near Ypres that chemical weapons were used for the first time on April 22nd 1915. More gas attacks would follow.

Today the City of Ypres has become a "Peace City". In 2007 the Mayor of Ypres, Mr. Luc Dehaene became a new Executive Official of Mayors for Peace, and the Chairman of the 2020 Vision Campaign.



German gas attack near Ypres.



German cavalry with gasmasks.

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We would like to thank the member cities which have approved the resolution for voluntary financial contributions. (See page 22.)

We would like to thank all the people who are giving us their active support. Those are the 2277 members we have in 129 countries, the civil society, NGO's, our staff and a long list of people who have held out their hands to make this project becomes a reality in 2020.

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The city of Ypres was completely destroyed following 4 years of bombardments between 1914 and 1918.