

▼ Related information:

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/membercity/2012/120704montreal_international_day_of_peace.pdf

■ Action Alert Update at the 2020 VC website: UN First Committee resolution would establish a Working Group on “achieving and maintaining a NFWW”

A resolution drafted by Austria, Mexico, and Norway that would have the UN General Assembly establish a Working Group for a nuclear weapon free world (NFWW), has garnered the sponsorship of 10 countries: Austria, Mexico, Norway, Costa Rica, Iceland, Ireland, New Zealand, Nigeria, Philippines and Trinidad and Tobago. If adopted in its current form, a Working Group would meet in Geneva for three weeks in 2013 and report back to the General Assembly. While three weeks falls well short of non-stop attention this topic so urgently merits and requires, it is a big improvement over the procedural deadlock that has reigned in Geneva for the last FIFTEEN years. Therefore the 2020 Vision Campaign Association amends the UNGA Action Alert announced last month to incorporate this very positive development.

Please go to the [full Action Alert](#) for more information and to take ACTION!

▼ Full article (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/artikel/3c2f980f8901e7c892a3e8222634fa5c/action-alert-update-un-first-commi.html>

■ President Matsui’s visit to Volgograd, Russia

President Kazumi Matsui of Mayors for Peace paid a visit to Volgograd, Russia, which is Hiroshima’s sister city and a vice-president city of Mayors for Peace. During his week-long stay beginning September 5, he attended the 40th anniversary ceremony of the sister city relationship and exchanged with Mayor Valery Vasilkov an official document confirming mutual intent to deepen cooperation in the fields of peace, culture and economy.

President Matsui invited the mayors of Volgograd’s other sister cities to join Mayors for Peace and asked delegates from the Union of Russian Cities to help expand membership in Russia.

Mayor Vasilkov is expected to visit Hiroshima in November.

■ Mayor of Reykjavik speaks out in support of 2020 Vision Campaign

Yoko Ono gave five contributors to peace the LENNONONO Grant For Peace Award at a ceremony in the capital of Iceland on October 9, 2012. During the ceremony Mr. Jón Gnarr, the Mayor of Reykjavik, said that his city has a unique position in the world to promote peace and support of the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign. He also expressed that he hopes Reykjavík will one day be “completely military-free,” urging the government to block the use of Icelandic airports by military aircraft. Reykjavik joined Mayors for Peace on November 1st 2010.

▼ Full article (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/artikel/51ee9ec2e0e02d45948b4a6cc05a1f51/mayor-of-reykjavik-speaks-out-in-sup.html>

■ Mayor of Bogota convenes meeting of Colombian Governors and Mayors for Peace

Mr. Gustavo Petro, the Mayor of Bogota convened a meeting of Governors and Mayors for Peace at the City Hall of the Colombian capital. The meeting of 6 governors and 40 mayors greeted the start of the peace negotiations between the Colombian guerrillas and government in Oslo and Havana. The Mayor of Bogota joined Mayors for Peace last August 1st. Mayors for Peace counts [16 members in Colombia](#).

The peace meeting in Bogota made proposals to involve local participation to build regional peace agendas which should to be taken into account during the upcoming negotiations in Oslo and Havana, and which could contribute to realize eventual peace agreements.

▼ Full article (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/artikel/c96c73f2f9cb2811d42239d3a4064dff/mayor-of-bogota-convenes-meeting-of.html>

■ U.S. House of Representative Defeats Bill to Establish Manhattan Project National Park

On September 20, Democratic Congressman Dennis Kucinich – a former Mayor of Cleveland Ohio - led a successful bipartisan effort to defeat a bill in Congress that would have established a new national park celebrating the technological achievements of the Manhattan Project. The park would include sites in three states including at two currently active nuclear weapons production facilities, Los Alamos New Mexico and Oak Ridge Tennessee.

[According to Kucinich](#): “The technology which created the bomb cannot be separated from the horror the bomb created.... If there was going to be a new park, it should serve as a solemn monument to Japanese American friendship that rose from the ashes and the worldwide work for nuclear disarmament that continues to this day, rather than a celebration of a technology that has brought such destruction to the world. Failure to recognize this dimension, even in its first iteration, really is a significant injustice.”

Unfortunately, [the proposed legislation is not dead](#). Republican Congressman Doc Hastings, who wrote and cosponsored the bill, in a statement after the vote said: “We’ve shown there is support for this park and will be working towards the goal of enacting this into law before the end of this year.” [The legislation is supported by the Obama Administration](#) as well as the [Energy Communities Alliance](#), an organization of local governments that are adjacent to or impacted by Department of Energy activities.

[According to Kucinich](#): “The ‘Bomb Park’ is a mistake. We should not spend another \$21,000,000 more to ‘spike the nuclear football.’ We are defined by what we celebrate. We should not celebrate nuclear bombs.” Read the full text of Congressman Kucinich’s inspiring testimony to Congress [here](#).

■ Financial contributions from member cities to the 2020 Vision Campaign - Update for September 2012 [Ypres, Belgium]

The 2020 Vision Campaign received donations from 8 cities in 4 countries during the month of September coming to a total of 2,190 Euros.

We would like to extend our gratitude to our member cities for this generosity in supporting our efforts to realize a nuclear-weapon-free world by 2020.

▼ Full article (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/artikel/63d3c58df346ddf089e6a51de9f50a7f/contribution-update-september.html>

▼ List of cities that made contributions in September:

http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/fileadmin/user_upload/2020VC/Members/Contributors/Contributions_update_September.pdf

▼ How to make contributions:

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/members/contribute-to-mayors-for-peace.html>

■ Member City Activities

Adachi Ward, Tokyo, Japan held commemorative events of the tenth anniversary of the “Declaration of Peaceful and Safe City of Adachi.” A lecture by Ms. Yasuko Senoh, spokesperson of the UN Information center on September 13, enhanced exhibitions that included panels on the activities of Mayors for Peace and photographs of the atomic bombing from August 1 to 10 and from September 10 to 14.

The city of Kusatsu, Japan, held the ‘Kusatsu Peace Forum’ on October 13. The “Declaration of the City of Kusatsu to protect human rights and peace” was read out at the opening of the forum followed by a children’s chorus. A lecture entitled “With hope for the world without nuclear weapons – the Lucky Dragon No. 5 still in service” was given by Mr. Kazuya Yasuda, curator of the *Daigo Fukuryu Maru* (the Lucky Dragon No. 5) Exhibition Hall.

Please visit the “Member City Activities” page on our website for ideas you can implement in your city.

The URL of this page has been changed.

▼ To see the "Member City Activities" webpage, click the link below:

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/membercity/index.html>

<<Please Send Information on Your City's Peace Activities >>

Please help us tell others about what you are doing!

We can create a link to your city's website or the website of your peace event.

We need comprehensive information including the date, venue, organizers and description of the event.

We will be glad to help you advertise.

▼ Please send the name/title of the activity along with the link to: mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp

■Poster exhibit commemorates 5,000-city milestone

To commemorate the 5,000-city milestone, please hold a poster exhibit in your municipality sometime around the Peace Memorial Day of your municipality in 2012.

By holding these exhibits in as many cities as possible, we hope to directly inform millions of citizens regarding the impact of nuclear war, including the fact that even a limited war would cause catastrophic climate change resulting in global famine, and the role city leaders strive to play. Please do hold an exhibition and bring this problem to the attention of people in your city.

And while you're at it, please set up petition booths during the exhibition to collect signatures calling for an immediate start to negotiations on a nuclear weapons convention.

The posters are available in English, French, German, Russian and Japanese. You can download them from the Mayors for Peace website. We are also preparing Arabic, Spanish and Catalan versions. For detailed information, please refer to the instructions for downloading the posters in "The Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki -The 5,000-Member Milestone Exhibition,-" a document forwarded to our member cities.

>>Posters: A2 size (approximately 24 by 36 inches); 19 posters.

>>This poster exhibit was created based on a mandate from the 8th Executive Conference held in Granollers, Spain last November and Japanese member cities' Conference in January.

The first poster exhibitions were held in Vienna International Center and Vienna City Hall during the first Preparatory Committee Meeting for the NPT Review Conference to lead those taking place in all the member cities. More than 200 cities have already held or expressed their plan to hold this exhibition. Please be sure your city joins this movement.

▼ Related Information:

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/campaign/projects/poster/index.html>

■Please support the petition drive for a nuclear weapons convention

The next step in abolishing all nuclear weapons by 2020 is to negotiate a nuclear weapons convention.

A nuclear weapons convention will prohibit the acquisition, development, possession, deployment and use of nuclear weapons and all related activities.

At our Executive Conference in Granollers, Spain in November 2011, we agreed to promote a global grassroots petition drive through which all member cities can call for an immediate start to negotiations on a nuclear weapons convention.

On behalf of Mayors for Peace, President Kazumi Matsui handed a certificate representing 478,303 signatures collected by April 30 to Mr. Peter Woolcott, chairman of the first Preparatory Committee Meeting for the 2015 NPT Review Conference in May 2012 in Vienna, Austria.

We will continue collecting signatures until 2015 and present them to the UN at appropriate times.

Please promote this petition drive in your city. For example, the City of Hiroshima has set up petition booths in the lobbies of City Hall and other municipal offices since April 2, and we have been collecting signatures at the venues of events organized by the city. Please let us know how your city is working on this petition drive so we can tell others. Let's gather millions of signatures and make our voices heard. (The petition is available for printing or online at the links below.)

▼ Petition form (PDF):

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/petitionform_en.pdf.

▼ Online petition:

<https://www.ssl-hiroins.city.hiroshima.jp/pcf/en/form.htm>.

■ Mayors for Peace member cities – 5,418 cities in 155 countries/regions

Thanks to your invaluable support, on October 1, we added 18 new member cities, bringing total membership to 5,418. The city of Mogadishu, capital of Somalia, became the first member in that country. Another capital city from Kazakhstan, Astana was also enlisted to our new members this month.

We welcome further initiatives to promote membership and can provide support from Hiroshima as needed. Please invite your fellow mayors to join.

▼ Related information (PDF):

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/2012/newmembers1210_en.pdf

▼ Full article (2020 Vision Campaign website):

<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/en/home/artikel/6726409a1f0e8090206e7484e617f835/with-astana-bogota-and-mogadishu-we.html>

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