



3. Along with the activities based on the 2020 Vision to eliminate nuclear weapons, Mayors for Peace will address such pressing issues as poverty, refugees, and climate change in accordance with Article 3 of the Mayors for Peace Covenant.
4. The 9th Mayors for Peace General Conference will be held in Nagasaki in August 2017.

Furthermore, the participants confirmed that the 10th General Conferences will be held in Hiroshima in 2020 (a year earlier than according to the conference cycle of every four years).

The Conference concluded with the adoption of its Resolution, which expresses Mayors for Peace' devotion to initiatives such as urging all governments to participate in the Open-Ended Working Group to be established under the United Nations next year.

Please visit the following link to find more details about the Conference.

▼ The 9th Executive Conference on the Mayors for Peace website:

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/directors/9th/index.html>

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### ■ Mayor of Hiroshima's Visit to the UK and Austria

[November 14th - 17th, 2015]

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After attending the Executive Conference in Ypres, Belgium, Mr. Kazumi Matsui, Mayor of Hiroshima and President of Mayors for Peace, visited the UK and Austria.

During his visit to the UK, Mayor Matsui first visited Manchester, a Vice President and Lead City in the UK and Ireland region, to officially confer on Lord Mayor Paul Murphy a certificate of their status as a Lead City of Mayors for Peace. He joined a special event to commemorate "Project G" - an initiative to sow ginkgo tree seeds from a tree that was damaged in the atomic bombing, but managed to germinate new seeds - in addition to meeting with senior staff from the Mines Advisory Group, whose headquarters are located in the city. Mayor Matsui then traveled to London and attended a Parliamentary reception at the House of Lords, where he gave a presentation on the realities of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima to British parliamentarians and local government representatives, as well as NGOs, and exchanged views with them. Mr. Matsui also visited London City Hall to meet with Sir Edward Lister, who is London's Deputy Mayor for Policy and Planning.

In Austria, Mayor Matsui visited Vienna and met with Mr. Franz Prokop, the District Mayor of Vienna's 16th District of Ottakring, and Mr. Sebastian Kurz, the Minister of Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of Austria. Mayor Matsui then participated in the opening of an exhibition on the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the United Nations Office at Vienna. He also had meetings with Dr. Lassina Zerbo, Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO), and Ambassador Mitsuru Kitano, Permanent Representative of Japan to the UN in Vienna, to confirm their further cooperation in the future.

▼ Reports and photos of Mayor Matsui's trip on the Mayors for Peace Website:

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/gallery/2015\\_executive\\_con/index.html](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/gallery/2015_executive_con/index.html)

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### ■ General Assembly of Mayors for Peace French Chapter

[Paris, France; November 5th, 2015]

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On November 5th, 2015, Mayors for Peace French Chapter, AFCD RP (Association des Communes, Départements et Régions pour la Paix), held its annual General Assembly in Paris. More than 20 member city representatives took part in lively discussions on implementing a culture of peace at the local level and abolishing nuclear weapons.

Various cities' representatives shared information on initiatives they implemented in their cities and their plans for the

end of 2015 and for the following year. Among other activities in 2015, several cities, including Grigny, the Chapter's President City, Gonfreville-l'Orcher, Dieppe and Villetaneuse, organized events such as exhibitions to commemorate the 70th Anniversaries of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. All participants also held special events for International Peace Day on September 21st.

Several promising plans for 2016 were discussed. Among other projects, the French Chapter plans to host a series of Hiroshima Junior Marimba Ensemble concerts in September 2016 in member cities for International Peace Day. More information on this matter will be available soon on AFCD RP-Mayors for Peace France website.

▼ The AFCD RP website (in French):

<http://afcd rp.com/>

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### ■ **Mayors for Peace Future Participation in UCLG World Summit in Bogota**

[Barcelona, Spain; November 19th, 2015]

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Mr. Josep Mayoral, the Mayor of Granollers and Vice-President of Mayors for Peace, discussed the participation of Mayors for Peace in the 12 - 15 October 2016 United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) World Summit in Bogota during a high-level meeting with Mr. Josep Roig and Ms. Emilia Saiz, the Secretary General and Vice-Secretary General of UCLG, respectively. The Mayors for Peace delegation led by the Mayor of Granollers also included Ms. Carme Barbany from Granollers City Hall, Mr. Arnau Gutiérrez, Directorate of International Relations of the Barcelona Province, and Pol DHuyvetter, Coordinator for Mayors for Peace in Latin America.

The Mayors for Peace delegation stressed the importance of having peace as a central issue on the agenda of the Bogota UCLG World Summit in view of the recent developments in the Middle East, terrorist attacks around the world and the refugees fleeing war to Europe.

▼ The UCLG website:

<http://www.uclg.org/>

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### ■ **Announcement by the City of Bogota, Colombia, a Mayors for Peace Lead City, on the Creation of the UCLG City of Bogota Peace Prize**

[Bogotá, Colombia; November 19th, 2015]

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On November 19th, the UCLG City of Bogotá Peace Prize was announced at the City Hall of Bogota, the Colombian capital that became a Lead City of Mayors for Peace in June this year. Mr. Gustavo Petro, the Mayor of Bogota, announced that the Prize will be awarded for the first time together with United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) during the 12 - 15 October 2016 World Summit of UCLG in Bogota.

The UCLG City of Bogota Peace Prize will be a triennial award for local governments that have implemented initiatives in conflict prevention, conflict resolution or peace building, that are proven to have had a significant positive impact. The prize aims to contribute to the full acknowledgement of the important but often overlooked role of local governments as peace builders, thus raising understanding of this more effective approach to conflict resolution. In situations of conflict, local governments have an important role to play: they have to ensure that citizen services remain in place despite the difficult circumstances, and they need to promote and facilitate peace as an alternative to violence.

▼ More details about the Prize on the UCLG website:

<http://www.uclg.org/en/media/news/uclg-city-bogota-peace-prize-presentation-and-invitation-local-governments-apply>

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### ■ **Commemoration of the 35th Anniversary of the "Nuclear Free" Resolution by the City of Manchester, UK, a Vice President of Mayors for Peace**

[Manchester, UK; December 4th, 2015]

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A special civic reception was held in Manchester Town Hall to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the signing of Manchester's famous resolution declaring it a nuclear weapons free zone. The Manchester resolution pre-dates the creation of Mayors for Peace and was instrumental in the formation of what became the UK and Ireland Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA), which works on all nuclear policy issues and co-operates where relevant with Mayors for Peace.

▼ Full report and a photo of the event on the Mayors for Peace website:

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/memberscity/2015/Manchester/NFLA\\_35th\\_anniversary.html](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/memberscity/2015/Manchester/NFLA_35th_anniversary.html)

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**■ U.S. Mayors' Submission of "Amicus Curiae" Letter in Support of Marshall Islands Lawsuit**  
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On July 17th, six U.S. members of Mayors for Peace and the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) submitted an "amicus curiae" letter in support of the Republic of the Marshall Islands' (RMI) appeal of the dismissal of their lawsuit in U.S. federal court earlier this year. In its 2014 resolution, the USCM went on record in support of the RMI's cases in the International Court of Justice against all nine nuclear-armed states for their failure to negotiate nuclear disarmament under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and customary international law, and its case against the U.S., which was filed in U.S. federal court. That case was dismissed earlier this year on grounds of standing and the "political question" it might pose. It is now on appeal. Oral arguments will be heard next year.

The mayors' amicus letter quotes from several of the resolutions adopted annually over the past ten years by the USCM, the nonpartisan association of U.S. cities with populations over 30,000. It was filed by Western States Legal Foundation on behalf of Mayor Mark Stodola of Little Rock, Arkansas, Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Mayor Ardelle Brede of Rochester, Minnesota, Mayor Kitty Piercy of Eugene, Oregon, Mayor Denny Doyle of Beaverton, Oregon, and Mayor Laurel Lunt Prussing of Urbana, Illinois.

▼ U.S. mayors' amicus curiae letter:

[http://wagingpeace.org/documents/wslf\\_mayors.pdf](http://wagingpeace.org/documents/wslf_mayors.pdf)

▼ Additional information about the RMI lawsuits, including other amicus briefs:

<http://www.nuclearzero.org/>

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**■ Responses to the Mayors for Peace Letter of Statement Regarding the Terrorist Attacks in Paris, France**  
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On November 16th, Mayors for Peace issued a Letter of Statement regarding the multiple terrorist attacks in Paris, France on November 13<sup>th</sup> and distributed it to all member cities. The Mayors for Peace Secretariat offers our thanks to the following municipalities, from whom we have received messages of support as of December 11th.

- Ba Phnom District (Cambodia)
- Bari (Italy)
- Chester (UK)
- Kotor (Montenegro)
- London (UK)
- Mulheim an der Ruhr (Germany)
- Santos (Brazil)
- Taipei (Taiwan)

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**■ "Peace News from Hiroshima"**

- Contributed by the Hiroshima Peace Media Center  
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In late November, two international events were held in Hiroshima. One was the 2nd Hiroshima International Film Festival. A variety of films closely related to Hiroshima were screened at the festival, including one directed by a Swiss filmmaker which casts a critical eye on the nuclear age. The other international event was the World Nuclear Victims

Forum. The hibakusha in Hiroshima and Nagasaki are not the only nuclear victims; there are people around the world who are suffering from their exposure to radiation as a result of nuclear development, nuclear tests, and nuclear power plant accidents. The Forum served as a fresh reminder of this fact.

People from around the world have also paid visits to Hiroshima, such as Barry Ladendorf, President of Veterans for Peace and an American war veteran, who toured the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum at the end of November. He commented that all people, including world leaders, should visit Hiroshima. Next April, the foreign ministers from three nuclear weapons states will come to Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park before they participate in the meeting of foreign ministers that will take place ahead of the Group of Seven (G7) summit. The world will be watching for the remarks they make after learning more about the extent of the damage inflicted by the atomic bomb.

Visit the following links for articles from the Hiroshima Peace Media Center.

- Documentary film on Hiroshima and Fukushima to be screened at Hiroshima International Film Festival

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=54103>

- World Nuclear Victims Forum opens in Hiroshima, sufferers describe reality of radiation effects

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=54186>

- Hiroshima World Forum ends, adopts charter to appeal for nuclear victims' rights

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=54314>

- U.S. veteran, resolved to work for nuclear abolition, pays first visit to Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=54307>

- A-bomb survivors look forward to visit by foreign ministers to Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=54106>

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**■Member City Activities**  
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Wuerzburg, Germany

Commemorative events for the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombings

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This year, the City of Wuerzburg organized various events to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

▼Report and photos of the events on the Mayors for Peace website:

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/activities/membercity/2015/Wuerzburg/events.html>

<<PLEASE SEND US INFORMATION ABOUT 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 to help you advertise.

Please include comprehensive information including the date, venue, organizers and a description of the event.

We look forward to receiving information from your city.

▼Please email us at the following address with the name/title of your event and its URL:

[mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp](mailto:mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp)

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**■Launch of the Mayors for Peace Information System**  
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An online information system for Mayors for Peace has been launched in order to facilitate information sharing among member cities. This system enables searches for member cities' information, the renewal of records by each member as well as payment of membership fees by credit card without any transfer charges. We hope that each member city will keep their own information up-to-date and utilize this system for their activities related to Mayors for Peace. The instructions on how to use this system are included in an email which was sent to each member city.

▼ Mayors for Peace Information System:

<https://www.mfpinfosys.org/>

▼ Mayors for Peace Information System Operating Manual:

[https://www.mfpinfosys.org/manual/secure/pdfs/lec7/lm/07manu\\_pdf\\_en.pdf](https://www.mfpinfosys.org/manual/secure/pdfs/lec7/lm/07manu_pdf_en.pdf)

▼ Please email us at the following address if you have any inquiries about the Mayors for Peace Information System:  
mfpsystem@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp

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### ■ Request for 2015 Mayors for Peace Membership Fee Payment

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At the 8th General Conference of Mayors for Peace in August 2013, introduction of an annual Membership Fee was determined in order to strengthen the foundation of Mayors for Peace and the sense of solidarity amongst member cities. This year, we launched an annual Membership Fee of 2,000 Japanese Yen per city (about USD15-16 / EUR12-15). The due date for payment of this year's annual fee is December 31<sup>st</sup>.

If you are able to pay by credit card, your city may do so through the Mayors for Peace Information System, and you will not need to bear any handling fees.

The Membership Fees will be utilized as a resource for new and continued projects listed on the Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2013-2017). We deeply appreciate your kind cooperation.

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### ■ Request to Hold Commemorative Events for the 70th Anniversary of the Atomic Bombings

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This year, Hiroshima and Nagasaki marked the landmark 70th anniversary of the atomic bombings. As we have requested through email, we are calling for all member cities to hold commemorative events in their municipality or regional group. The events may be of any type, but we ask they be held by March 2016.

The list of events commemorating the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombings, as based on reports received from member cities, is available at the link below.

▼ List of commemorative events (As of December 11th)(PDF, Mayors for Peace website) :

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/campaign/projects/70th\\_anniversary/List\\_of\\_commemorative\\_events.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/campaign/projects/70th_anniversary/List_of_commemorative_events.pdf)

If you would like to inform our secretariat of the details of the events held in your city, we would be pleased to share the report on the Mayors for Peace website, etc.

▼ Please email event summaries to:

mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp

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### ■ Request to Hold A-bomb Survivor Testimonies over Skype

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The Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2013-2017) adopted at the 8th General Conference in August 2013 includes the promotion of holding A-bomb survivor testimonies over Skype. Please host an event connecting your city and Hiroshima by Skype in order to have the citizens hear the live voices of the A-bomb survivors and deepen their understanding of the reality of the atomic bombing.

▼ Please consult the Mayors for Peace Secretariat for details:

mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp

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### ■ Plea to Support Nuclear Weapons Convention Petition Drive

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The next step in abolishing all nuclear weapons by 2020 is to negotiate a nuclear weapons convention. A nuclear weapons convention will prohibit the development, production, testing, stockpiling and use of nuclear weapons and all related activities. Mayors for Peace is promoting a global grassroots petition drive as a way in which all member cities can call for an immediate start to negotiations of a nuclear weapons convention. Promotion of this petition drive is included in the Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2013-2017) that was adopted at the 8th General Conference in August 2013.

