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**in 163 countries and regions**  
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## ■ Attendance of Mayors for Peace at the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2020 NPT Review Conference

[New York, US; April 29-May 3, 2019]

A Mayors for Peace delegation, including the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki participated in the third session of the Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) for the 2020 NPT Review Conference, which was held from April 29 through May 10 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

On May 1, Mr. Kazumi Matsui, Mayor of Hiroshima and President of Mayors for Peace, and a Mayors for Peace Vice President Mayor Tomihisa Taue of Nagasaki City attended the NGO session and delivered their statements, beginning by voicing their serious concerns over stagnant nuclear disarmament efforts. With the NPT’s historic 2020 Review Conference in mind, they then asked the representatives of the UN and national governments to take to heart the call of the hibakusha and civil society for peace, while arguing the need for good faith negotiations in accordance with Article VI of the NPT and the importance of promoting the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.



Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki delivering statements on May 1

▼ Statements by Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to the 2019 NPT PrepCom (Mayors for Peace Website):

[Mayor of Hiroshima](#) / [Mayor of Nagasaki](#)

During their stay in New York, the two mayors had meetings with Ambassador Syed Hasrin, the Preparatory Committee Chair; Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs; UN delegations from Austria and New Zealand, two countries that actively support the TPNW; and a representative of the UK, a nuclear power.

On May 2, Mayors for Peace hosted the side event titled “Mayors for Peace Youth Forum”. Young presenters representing Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and three NGOs (Amplify, PEAC, and German Youth Delegation) made presentations on their efforts and desires for peace. The young people from Hiroshima, who all have been involved in the Mayors for Peace petition campaign to encourage all States to join the TPNW, had the opportunity to present UN High Representative Nakamitsu with a certificate of approximately 120,000 signatures collected during the past year.



Mayors for Peace Youth Delegation handing over a certificate of signatures to Ms. Nakamitsu on April 30

To coincide with the PrepCom, an Executive Cities’ Meeting for Exchange of Views was held, attended by the Mayors of Hiroshima, Nagasaki, Des Moines, Iowa, and Biograd na Moru, representatives of Fremantle, and a representative of Cochin (via Skype), who all engaged in an active discussion on their recent initiatives to make their cities safe and resilient, such as disaster prevention plans, climate change mitigation, strategies to tackle poverty and refugee crises, peace education policies, and efforts to strengthen relations with indigenous peoples.

The Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki participated in a number of other events during their stay in New York, including attending the award ceremony of Tribeca Disruptive Innovation Awards and a meeting with the Mayor of New York City.

Reports on Mayors for Peace activities in New York will be posted on the Mayors for Peace website soon.

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**■ Mayors for Peace Joint Appeal for Common Ground on the NPT**

[May 10, 2019]

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On the final day of the NPT PrepCom, the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the US Lead City Mayor were joined by other members of the Mayors for Peace Executive Cities in a Joint Appeal to the states parties to the treaty to recognize and build upon the common ground shared by all.



Presentation of Mayors for Peace Joint Appeal to the PrepCom Chair (left) on May 10

The Joint Appeal expresses strong support for the success of the historic NPT Review Conference in 2020—to be held on the treaty’s fiftieth anniversary—and urges its parties to put aside their differences and focus their deliberations on expanding their common ground on the fundamental objects and purposes of this treaty.

Ms. Jacqueline Cabasso (Mayors for Peace Executive Advisor and North American Coordinator) presented the Joint Appeal to Ambassador Syed Mohamad Hasrin Aidid, the Chair of the Preparatory Committee, and it was also distributed to the government representatives at the conference venue. It was also sent to all UN Member States, the UN Secretary-General, and the UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs. We ask all Mayors for Peace member cities to widely share this message with your governments and civil society members.

▼ Mayors for Peace Joint Appeal for Common Ground on the NPT (The Mayors for Peace website):  
[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/statement/openletter/data/MfP\\_Joint\\_Appeal\\_NPT\\_2019\\_final.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/statement/openletter/data/MfP_Joint_Appeal_NPT_2019_final.pdf)

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## ■ Mayors for Peace awarded the 2019 Tribeca Disruptive Innovation Award

[May 3, 2019]

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Mayors for Peace has been awarded the 10th Annual Tribeca Disruptive Innovation Awards presented in collaboration with the Tribeca Film Festival and the Harvard Business School's Professor Clayton Christensen, originator of disruptive innovation theory. The awards acknowledge and uplift those who have challenged social norms to present world-changing inventions or ideas. Mayors for Peace received the Hersey Prize, a prize that was established last year to recognize contributions in the field of nuclear disarmament and world peace.



The 10th Annual Tribeca Disruptive Innovation Awards Ceremony

The Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the Mayor of the US Lead City Des Moines, Iowa, and the Secretary-General of Mayors for Peace attended the awards ceremony held in New York on May 3. Both a seedling of a callery pear tree that endured the 9/11 terror attacks on the World Trade Center and a ginkgo tree seedling whose mother tree survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima were on display. The organizer of the awards talked about a project by Mayors for Peace to raise public awareness of peace by having the descendants of A-bombed trees taken care of by citizens of member cities around the world.

When Mayor Matsui of Hiroshima accepted a red-headed hammer as the official award, he pretended to bring it down saying "Let's smash the doctrine of nuclear deterrence with this!" He then presented a wreath of a thousand paper cranes he had brought from Hiroshima as a symbol of peace, to which the audience responded with a warm round applause in support.

▼ The honorees of the 2019 Tribeca Disruptive Innovation Awards (The Disruptor Awards Website):

<https://www.disruptorawards.com/2019-honorees>

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## ■ Regional Chapter Activities

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### < Catalan Chapter >

#### \* Launch of the Chapter's new monthly newsletter

The Catalan Chapter of Mayors for Peace has launched a new monthly newsletter to inform and update all the Catalan members on its activities. This newsletter in Catalan language keeps you up to date on special projects and events organised by the Catalan Chapter and the Secretariat of Mayors for Peace.

This new channel of communication will help to maintain ongoing connections with contacts and members as well as increase traffic to the website and boost social media following.

< Report from the Catalan Chapter of Mayors for Peace >

▼ To sign up:

<http://wp.granollers.cat/alcaldesperlapau/subscriu-te-al-butlleti/>

▼ Past issues:

<http://wp.granollers.cat/alcaldesperlapau/butlletins/>

### < UK & Ireland Chapter >

#### \* Release of the UK & Ireland Chapter progress report No. 22

The latest Policy Briefing for the UK and Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter is now available. It gives members an overview of the NPT Conference, a Basel divestment conference, the outcome of the House of Lords inquiry into nuclear weapons and a progress report on Chapter and wider Mayors for Peace activity. It also encourages its members to pass resolutions to endorse the ICAN Cities Appeal and to call on the divestment from Council pension funds from companies that support the production and maintenance of nuclear weapons, with model resolutions contained in the report. The next UK and Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter meeting will take place in Manchester on the 13th September with further details on it to follow.

<Report by Sean Morris, UK & Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter Secretary>

▼ The UK and Ireland Mayors for Peace Policy Briefing 22 (The Mayors for Peace Website):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2019/M4P\\_Briefing\\_No\\_22\\_NPT\\_and\\_progress\\_report.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activity/data/2019/M4P_Briefing_No_22_NPT_and_progress_report.pdf)

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## ■ Member City Activities

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### < Manchester, UK >

#### \* 2nd anniversary of the Manchester Arena attack, 22nd May 2019

The second anniversary of the 22 May 2017 Manchester Arena terror attack, which took 22 lives, will be marked with a civic memorial service at St Ann's Church at 2pm on Wednesday 22 May 2019. This will be a personal and private event for the families of all those directly affected by this terrible terrorist attack.

Like last year, at 10:31pm on 22 May 2019 – the exact anniversary – bells will ring out from buildings across the city centre including Manchester Town Hall, Manchester Cathedral and St Ann's Church. Manchester Cathedral will also be open all day for private reflection.

It has been decided that a permanent memorial to those who died in the attack will be in an area behind Manchester Cathedral close to the Arena and the River Irwell. The design of the memorial is being closely discussed with the families affected. Manchester City Council and the people of Manchester and around the world will remember those affected by these and all other incidents of terrorism.

<Report by Sean Morris, UK & Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter Secretary>

▼ Plans announced for 22 May second anniversary commemorations (The Manchester City Council Website):

[https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/news/article/8154/plans\\_announced\\_for\\_22\\_may\\_second\\_anniversary\\_commemorations](https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/news/article/8154/plans_announced_for_22_may_second_anniversary_commemorations)

#### \* Manchester Peterloo Festival, June - August 2019

On 16th August 1819, 60,000 people gathered on what was then known as St Peter's Field in Manchester to peacefully demand the reform of parliamentary representation. When troops, including local government forces, charged the crowds, the tragic result saw 18 people lose their lives and around 700 injured. This was to become known as the 'Peterloo Massacre'. In Manchester, and further afield, 'Peterloo' symbolises public protest, the struggle for democracy, and the fight against political repression, at a time when such was the need for economic, social and political reform that ordinary people in numbers never seen before took to the streets.

With the 200th anniversary of this pivotal event in the history of Manchester, a major festival of events to consider the implications of Peterloo to the present day is being held in Manchester and across Greater Manchester from early June to August. The festival will culminate with a special 200th anniversary event where large numbers of people will walk from across the county to the location of Peterloo and be present at the unveiling of an official memorial to the incident, which has been developed by Turner Prize winning artist Jeremy Deller. The festival includes exhibitions, workshops, talks, music and dramatic performance. As a Vice President of Mayors for Peace, Manchester welcomes you to these festivities.

<Report by Sean Morris, UK & Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter Secretary>

▼ For further details of the Peterloo festival:

<https://manchesterhistories.co.uk/projects/peterloo2019>

### < Montréal, Canada >

#### Organizing a UNESCO round table on "Improving How We Live Together in Cities" in Paris

Celebrating the International Day of Living Together in Peace (16 May), proclaimed by the United Nations in 2017, the International Observatory of Mayors on Living Together — an initiative by the City of Montréal — organized a round table on "Improving How we Live Together in Cities" at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France, in cooperation with the Delegation of Canada to UNESCO and the Permanent Delegation of Algeria to UNESCO with the participation of local actors and members of civil society.

This celebration was an opportunity to mobilize efforts of the international community to make efforts in favor of peace, tolerance, inclusion, mutual comprehension and solidarity and to express a profound desire to live and to act together, unified in difference and in diversity in order to build a sustainable world based on peace, solidarity and harmony.



Round table on "Improving How We Live Together in Cities" (Photo: The City of Montréal)

The round table highlighted initiatives led by different social actors involved in the promotion of living together through their networks and was an occasion to share experiences and lessons learnt. This round table also contributed to the preparation for [the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mayors Summit on Living Together](#) that will take place in Düsseldorf (Germany) in August– September 2019.

▼ Round table on "Improving How We Live Together in Cities"(The UNESCO website):

(English) <https://en.unesco.org/events/round-table-improving-how-we-live-together-cities>

(French) <https://fr.unesco.org/events/table-ronde-mieux-vivre-ensemble-villes>

< Report from the City of Montréal, an Executive City of Mayors for Peace and the Lead City of the Canadian Chapter >

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### ■“Peace News from Hiroshima”

(Provided by the Hiroshima Peace Media Center of the CHUGOKU SHIMBUN)

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The third Preparatory Committee for the 2020 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference closed on May 10. During this session at the United Nations headquarters in New York, which opened on April 29, the state parties to the treaty discussed the three pillars of the NPT: nuclear disarmament, nuclear non-proliferation, and the peaceful use of nuclear energy. However, due to confrontations between the nuclear weapon states and the non-nuclear nations, the participants failed to adopt the draft recommendations by consensus.

Malaysian Ambassador Syed Mohamad Hasrin Aidid, the chair of the session, issued recommendations on 67 items in five fields, including nuclear disarmament. The document is treated as a working paper, which will be forwarded to the 2020 Preparatory Committee or the Review Conference. Mr. Syed said that working papers did not have the same authority as consensus recommendations, but that he hopes the working paper can serve as a basis for discussions at the Review Conference.

The nuclear-armed states and non-nuclear nations expressed dissenting views on nuclear disarmament during this Preparatory Committee session. Article 6 of the NPT stipulates that state parties have an obligation to make efforts for nuclear abolition, but the non-nuclear states are dissatisfied with the actions of the nuclear weapon states, saying that there has been some progress in the fields of non-proliferation and the peaceful use of nuclear energy, yet there is a long way to go with respect to nuclear disarmament.

There were also differing opinions concerning the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Many of the non-nuclear states expressed their support for the treaty, but the nuclear weapon states continually voiced criticism, saying that the treaty could weaken the NPT regime. Next year is the 50th anniversary year of the NPT entering into force. How can the effectiveness of the treaty be maintained? Serious challenges remain prior to next year’s Review Conference.

Please visit the Hiroshima Peace Media Center website and see the following peace-related articles.

- Nihon Hidankyo members call on Disarmament Ambassador of Japan to sign and ratify nuclear weapons ban treaty  
<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=91068>

- Nihon Hidankyo’s assistant secretary general submits signatures calling for nuclear abolition to NPT Preparatory Committee

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=91070>

- Nations at odds over draft recommendations at NPT Preparatory Committee

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=91065>

- Third session of Preparatory Committee for 2020 NPT Review Conference opens in New York

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=90993>

- ZERO Project exhibition held in New York to appeal for a world without nuclear weapons through art

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=91014&query=zero>

- Renovated main building of Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum receives favorable response from visitors

<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=91005>

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### ■Request for Payment of the 2019 Mayors for Peace Membership Fee

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In order to facilitate future activities and strengthen the sense of solidarity amongst member cities, Mayors for Peace introduced an annual Membership Fee in 2015.

This year again, we ask each member city to pay a Fee of 2,000 Japanese yen (about 19 USD/16 Euro as of March 19, 2019) per city. If your city has not paid their Membership Fee in previous years, we ask your city to pay the total amount owed for each unpaid year since 2015. The collected Membership Fees will be allocated toward new and existing projects listed on the Mayors for Peace Action Plan 2017-2020.

A request for payment of the 2019 membership fee was sent to each city by email on April 1. We deeply appreciate your kind cooperation.

▼ Request for the 2019 Mayors for Peace Membership Fee (The Mayors for Peace website):  
[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/outlines/membership\\_fee.html](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/outlines/membership_fee.html)

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### ■ Call for Input: Examples of initiatives to foster peace-seeking spirit

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The Mayors for Peace Secretariat has been seeking examples of peace education initiatives conducted by any organization (city hall/school/NGO, etc.) in Mayors for Peace member cities that are conducive to raising peace-seeking spirit among future generations. The Mayors for Peace Secretariat accepts reports on a rolling basis, so please send your report whenever your project is completed. The submitted reports will be posted on our website and in the Mayors for Peace News Flash as a source of information for other member cities that are planning to launch their own peace education program.

▼ Call for Input on the Mayors for Peace website:  
<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/ecbn/projects.html#section10>

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### ■ Request to Promote Various Measures Based on the Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2017-2020)

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At the 9th General Conference of Mayors for Peace held in Nagasaki in August 2017, we decided our Action Plan for up to the year 2020, aiming for lasting world peace. Together, we hope to make significant strides toward realizing this goal. Please promote all appropriate measures based on the Action Plan within your own municipality or regional group.

▼ Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2017-2020):  
[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/report/meeting/data/9th\\_meeting/Action\\_Plan\\_2017-2020\\_E.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/report/meeting/data/9th_meeting/Action_Plan_2017-2020_E.pdf)

For example, you can promote the following measures:



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### ■ Mayors for Peace Collaboration with “The Hibakusha Appeal” Signature Campaign

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Based on the Action Plan decided at the 9<sup>th</sup> General Conference in August 2017, Mayors for Peace is promoting a petition drive urging the nuclear-armed states and their allies to participate in the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. It was also decided that in doing so, Mayors for Peace would collaborate with “The Hibakusha

Appeal”, a signature campaign launched by the hibakusha of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The Mayors for Peace Secretariat will compile the number of signatures collected and present it to affiliates of the United Nations.

▼For more information about “The Hibakusha Appeal”:



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**■Last Month’s Visitor to the President of Mayors for Peace**  
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President Kazumi Matsui welcomed the following visitor last month and asked him to support the activities of Mayors for Peace and cooperate on membership expansion.

\*April 19 - H.E. Sanjay Kumar Verma, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of India to Japan

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**■Mayors for Peace Member Cities - 7,756 Cities in 163 Countries/Regions**  
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Thanks to your invaluable support, on May 1, we gained 12 new member cities, bringing the total membership to 7,756.

From Spain we welcomed two cities: Bilbao and Redondela. When Mayor Matsui visited Spain in April 2018, he asked the Vice President of Biscay Province to help in expanding the membership of Mayors for Peace in Spain. Thanks to his invitation, Bilbao has joined Mayors for Peace. Redondela joined Mayors for Peace thanks to the encouragement of an elementary school, which learned about Mayors for Peace through interacting with a Peace NGO in Argentina. From Australia, we welcomed Shire of Augusta Margaret River, which came to learn about Mayors for Peace through ICAN Australia at a local event called “Peace Weekend”. From Poland, we welcomed the City of Zabrze thanks to the invitation from Zabrze’s German sister city Essen. From Germany, 6 cities joined thanks to the continued efforts of Hannover, a Vice President and Lead City of the German Chapter of Mayors for Peace. We also welcomed two cities from Norway; Hamar and Stange.

We encourage further initiatives to promote membership and can provide support from Hiroshima as needed. Please continue inviting mayors who are not yet members to join Mayors for Peace.

▼ List of New Members (PDF):

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/03\\_newmembers/2019/newmembers1905\\_en.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/pdf/03_newmembers/2019/newmembers1905_en.pdf)

▼ Map of Member Cities:

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/memberscity/map.html>

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