In 2003, Mayors for Peace launched an Emergency Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons (2020 Vision Campaign) with the goal of eliminating all nuclear weapons by 2020. We have lobbied hard for this by attending the NPT Review Conference and directly approaching national governments. We continue working with many cities, citizens and NGOs around the world to arouse public demand for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

In July 1996, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) issued an advisory opinion in which it declared that “…the threat or use of nuclear weapons would generally be contrary to the rules of international law.” That opinion also found all governments to be under a legal obligation to negotiate “in good faith” to abolish nuclear weapons. Nevertheless, the nuclear-weapon states have yet to give any serious indication that they intend to eliminate their nuclear weapons. Indeed, they are deploying vast numbers of tactical nuclear weapons, and continue to threaten to destroy cities around the world.

This year, as we commemorated the tenth anniversary of the ICJ advisory opinion, Mayors for Peace reaffirmed its meaning and importance by launching Phase II of our 2020 Vision Campaign. This new effort will call on the nuclear-weapon states, other governments, cities and citizens around the world to take up the Good Faith Challenge.

For our part as cities, we are already promoting our Cities Are Not Targets (CANT) project*, through which we will encourage cities to demand assurances from the nuclear-weapon states that no cities are targeted for nuclear attack. Through the media, the Internet, and our network of cities, we are requesting targeting information from nuclear-weapon states, then demanding that all such targeting immediately be terminated. Through this activity, we intend to arouse public demand for the nuclear-weapon states to change their policies and conscientiously pursue the abolition of nuclear weapons.

The new campaign was announced by Dr. Tadatoshi Akiba, mayor of Hiroshima and president of the Mayors for Peace, at a meeting we sponsored at the home of the International Court of Justice in The Hague (Netherlands). The meeting was held on July 5 (Wed.) to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the ICJ’s landmark advisory opinion.

Details about the 2020 Vision Campaign and the Good Faith Challenge are available at the Mayors for Peace website:

* For an introduction to the CANT project, please see page 3.
To commemorate the tenth anniversary of the ICJ (International Court of Justice) advisory opinion that “…the threat or use of nuclear weapons would generally be contrary to the rules of international law,” a Mayoral Delegation comprising 15 city members of Mayors for Peace from 11 countries attended commemoration events organized by allied European NGOs.

On July 5, 2006, to mark the 10th anniversary of the advisory opinion issued by the International Court of Justice in July 1996, a commemorative meeting sponsored by Mayors for Peace was held in the Japan Room of the Peace Palace in which the ICJ chambers are located.

Dr. Kate Dewes, a founder of the World Court Project, and Judge Christopher Weeramantry, an ICJ judge in 1996, were invited as guest speakers. The meeting of about 40 participants was attended by the Mayors for Peace Mayoral Delegation, IALANA (International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms), IPPNW (International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War), and many other NGO representatives.

Dr. Dewes presented a keynote address on the theme, History of the UN General Assembly Request for an Advisory Opinion. She described the historical process that led to the advisory opinion, including the discussions that were taking place at the time in the General Assembly.

Judge Weeramantry, in a speech entitled, The Legal Obligations and Constraints Identified by the Court, spoke about the importance and limits of the advisory opinion as a factor in international law. He pointed to the need for citizen action to demand that the nuclear-weapon states take action toward nuclear disarmament. Next, Mayor Akiba, as representative of Mayors for Peace, announced Phase II of the 2020 Vision Campaign, introducing the Good Faith Challenge. Each member of the Mayoral Delegation then offered comments, followed by a lively discussion involving the NGO representatives and all present.
The concrete response of cities to the Good Faith Challenge, the Cities Are Not Targets (CANT) project, will encourage cities around the world to demand assurances from nuclear-weapon states that they are not targeted and will not be targeted for nuclear attack. The purpose of this project is to reveal the cruel absurdity of the “nuclear deterrence” theory and the “nuclear umbrella” that have for so long held cities hostage. We will defend from a moral and legal viewpoint our citizens’ right to life.

Malakoff has already taken action to support the CANT project.
During a Hiroshima Day commemoration in front of the Peace Wall facing the Eiffel Tower, Malakoff arranged the display of a large banner that read, “Cities Are Not Targets.” Please follow Malakoff’s example and take action in your city for the Cities Are Not Targets project.

In addition to supporting the International Secretariat, the city of Ieper has erected a Mayors for Peace “Peace Pole”, has assigned a liaison to Mayors for Peace, and in other ways is playing an active role as a member of Mayors for Peace.

To better promote the 2020 Vision Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons by 2020, Mayors for Peace, with assistance from the government of Ieper, Belgium, opened a new International Secretariat Office on July 7, 2006. The opening ceremony was attended by the Mayoral Delegation to the events commemorating the 10th anniversary of the ICJ advisory opinion. Mayor of Akiba, the city of Hiroshima, on behalf of the Mayoral Delegation, expressed gratitude to the city of Ieper and his great expectations for the growth of the campaign.

With the International Secretariat as a new base, the 2020 Vision Campaign manager, Aaron Tovish, will vigorously promote the Good Faith Challenge and the Cities Are Not Targets (CANT) project in Europe and around the world.

Mayors for Peace, working with member mayors, NGOs and private citizens, is working hard to promote the 2020 Vision Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. However, the campaign is being held back by a lack of funds. If we are to actually abolish nuclear weapons by 2020, we need your help. Please donate as much as possible to the Mayors for Peace Campaign. Send your donations to:
Account name: Emergency Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons Steering Committee
Account: Hiroshima Bank, Hiroshima City Hall Branch, Regular Acct. 3004641, Swift code- HIROJPJT
First members in Estonia, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Thailand, South Korea, and Bosnia and Herzegovina; membership increasing in Asia, including Iraq and Palestine.

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Please help us recruit new members and spread the circle of solidarity.

Mayors for Peace was represented at the World Urban Forum (June 19-23) and the World Peace Forum (June 23-28) in Vancouver, Canada. The Urban Forum drew 10,000 participants from around the world to discuss the entire spectrum of urban problems, from pollution to population to art and culture.

The World Peace Forum drew approximately 5,000 participants. The University of British Columbia campus, the venue, was a beehive of peace activity as participants moved quickly from workshop to workshop. The issue of nuclear weapons was extremely well represented throughout.

Mayors for Peace worked with the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities to hold a plenary session on the 24th and a Mayors Dialogue on the 25th. On July 27th, a roundtable workshop with Parliamentarian Network for Nuclear Disarmament (PNND) featured US Congressman Dennis Kucinich speaking from Washington D.C. by videoconference about his House Resolution 950 calling for the abolition of nuclear weapons. Mayor Corrigan of Barnaby, Canada, and T.J. Johnson, councilman from Olympia, U.S.A., both spoke eloquently about Mayors for Peace and the how their lives were changed when they visited Hiroshima. A message from Mayor Akiba, president of Mayors for Peace, was read at the closing ceremony.

### Information and Requests from the Mayors for Peace Secretariat

- These days, nearly all our communication and information exchange takes place via e-mail. Therefore, we are doing our best to update the e-mail addresses and other information for each city in our database. Please send us your latest contact information, and please be sure to inform us if your e-mail address or the name of your mayor changes. Thank you.

- The Mayors for Peace website presents the peace activities of member cities. Please send us any information you may have regarding any peace activities by any cities.

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