



## Mayors for Peace

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His Excellency Mr. António Guterres  
Secretary-General-designate of the United Nations

Excellency:

I trust this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits.

As mayor of Hiroshima, an A-bombed city seeking a peaceful world free from nuclear weapons, and as president of Mayors for Peace, representing more than 7,100 member cities around the world, I write to congratulate you on your appointment as the new Secretary-General of the United Nations.

It is our sincere hope that you will have a chance to visit the A-bombed cities, hear the *hibakusha* with your own ears, and encounter the reality of the atomic bombings at the earliest possible date and also hope that you will exercise strong leadership in promoting negotiations leading to an early realization of a nuclear weapons convention.

Mayors for Peace, an international non-governmental organization in Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, has strived through inter-city solidarity around the globe for the abolition of nuclear weapons and the realization of lasting world peace since its inception in 1982. With its membership ever increasing, the organization has grown to approximately one billion citizen members, making up one-seventh of the world's total population.

We believe that the legal prohibition of nuclear weapons would strengthen the security of all. All countries already support nuclear disarmament as a goal—it is now time to start the discussions to translate that goal into concrete action.

On the eve of this year's deliberations in the General Assembly's first committee, Mayors for Peace issued messages to encourage all UN member states to actively engage in the efforts to launch negotiations leading to the legal prohibition of nuclear weapons. We would be most grateful if you could read the messages enclosed.

Mayors for Peace, with a wide range of civil society partners, continue to intensify our efforts to promote mutual understanding and cooperation within international society. Your kind understanding and support for our activities would be truly appreciated.

I close with best wishes for your continued good health, success and happiness.

Respectfully yours,

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