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MESSAGE TO 'MAYORS FOR PEACE'

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I send warm greetings to Mayors for Peace and congratulate you on the adoption of your *Vision for Peaceful Transformation to a Sustainable World*. This new vision channels our shared human aspiration for world peace into a compelling call to action for people everywhere.

The total elimination of nuclear weapons remains the highest disarmament priority of the United Nations, and recent political tensions among nuclear-armed States underscore the urgent need for progress. The cities of the world have unique moral authority as advocates for their citizens, and I commend every effort to inspire dialogue around a common vision of a nuclear-weapon-free world.

I thank Mayors for Peace for your continued dedication to advancing the cause of peace, in honour of the hibakusha and in service to future generations.