

Policy toward the Third Special Session of
the U.N. General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament

Forty years ago the first atomic bombs ever used in history against humanity indescribably devastated the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Since then, the threat of nuclear war has exposed us to the possible annihilation of humankind. We have affirmed that we will exert our utmost efforts toward the promotion of peace and evocation of citizens' concern for peace through inter-city solidarity transcending national boundaries, ideologies, and creeds so that the tragedies of Hiroshima and Nagasaki shall never be repeated.

The United Nations as the chief international peacekeeping organization must play a very important role in establishing lasting world peace. We have affirmed in the Hiroshima Appeal of August 6, 1985 that the cities which are participating in the 1st World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity will take initiatives to urge governments and organizations to hold the Third Special Session of the U.N. General Assembly devoted to Disarmament as soon as possible. Specifically we request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to accept the following:

1. the Third Special Session of the U.N. General Assembly devoted to Disarmament should meet during 1986 to respond to the international public concern for the total abolition of nuclear arsenals and for lasting world peace and to urge all nations, especially nuclear powers, to put an immediate and complete ban on nuclear testing and development, and to abolish their nuclear weapons.
2. the Third Special Session of the U.N. General Assembly devoted to Disarmament as part of its agenda should urge all nations to ratify the NPT (Non-Proliferation Treaty) and make it a permanent agreement to reduce the risks of nuclear terrorism and accidental nuclear war.
3. the Secretary-General shall request the heads of nuclear superpowers of the United States and the Soviet Union, as part of the summit talks commencing in Geneva this fall, to visit Hiroshima and Nagasaki in order to realize the true nature of the atomic bombings.
4. in light of the importance of the roles which local authorities can play in promoting peace and the fact that cities and their citizens would be prime victims of a nuclear war, we request that Hiroshima and Nagasaki and other cities be given the opportunity to participate in and to speak at the Special Session of the U.N. General Assembly devoted to Disarmament.
5. to provide each U.N. Information Center around the world with a permanent A-bomb materials exhibition which would allow more people to realize the true nature of an atomic bomb attack.
6. to plan a world-wide peace campaign and to call upon the member nations of U.N. for their participation in and implementation of the campaign so as to make the International Peace Year, 1986, a turning point in establishing a peaceful international community.

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