

General Resolution

We, the participants at the 4th Executive Conference of the World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-City Solidarity convened in the city of Volgograd, Russian Federation from October 16 to 17, 1995, do hereby confirm that:

the purpose of the World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-City Solidarity is, through solidarity among the member cities of the Program to Promote City Solidarity of Cities toward the Total Abolition of Nuclear Weapons, to arouse public awareness of the importance of abolishing nuclear weapons on an international scale, to work toward resolution of regional conflicts, to strive to eliminate hunger and poverty, to address issues related to refugees, civil rights, protection of the environment, and other problems threatening the peaceful coexistence, to contribute in every possible way to contribute to the establishment of lasting world peace.

Now, in the course of reporting to each other recent circumstances and activities related to the pursuit of the goals of the Mayors Conference, we members of the Executive Conference resolve:

to solidify the Mayors Conference and infuse it with energy through the addition of Executive Cities, by renewing our call for support through wider appeals for new Conference members, and, with the cooperation of the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, to help people throughout the world better understand the nature of atomic destruction by holding "Hiroshima/Nagasaki Atomic Bombing Exhibition" in cities who request them;

to strongly protest the nuclear tests conducted by China and France this year, letters of protest jointly signed by mayors of the Executive Member Cities having been sent to the countries concerned, and confirming that similar protests will follow any such testing in the future, and to adopt the Urgent Appeal for the Immediate Ban of Nuclear Testing;

to send to the International Court of Justice from the Mayors Conference, as well as to the governments of the countries of each Executive Member City, the separately adopted and enclosed resolution forcefully asserting the illegality of the use of nuclear weapons;

to support complete, unconditional implementation of the proposed Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, and to carry out any action necessary to ensure that the 4th U.N. Special Session on Disarmament will be held as soon as possible;

to hold the 4th World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-City Solidarity in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1997;

and that the participants at this Executive Conference shall send copies of this General Resolution to all member cities.

It is proposed that efforts will be made under the leadership of the Executive Member Cities to hold regional block conferences in order to strengthen the activities of the World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity and that joint actions will be taken by the European Executive Member Cities together with the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, towards the conference to conclude the CTBT.

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