

A Resolution to Promote the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons

The World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity is a gathering of cities that was established in 1982 and overseen by the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. On an international level, its objective is to awaken the conscience of individual citizens worldwide who desire to live in a peaceful world without nuclear weapons.

Cities and residents of cities are the ones who have been forced to sacrifice themselves and suffer damage by war, in particular through the use of nuclear weapons. In order to preserve peace in the lives of citizens, the mayors especially have a responsibility to do their utmost to abolish all the nuclear weapons and to protect its citizens from war.

From its foundation, the number of member cities has grown. Presently, there are 498 cities from 102 countries or regions. This shows that there has been a big surge in international opinion supporting the abolition of nuclear weapons.

However, nuclear weapon states continue to exhibit their position of maintaining nuclear weapons while India and Pakistan conduct nuclear tests. These conditions have confronted us with the possible collapse of the system of nuclear non-proliferation.

Along with this, at the Review Conference of the States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) held at the United Nations headquarters in New York, the non-nuclear states who were received worked tenaciously and expressed strong international opinion for the abolition of nuclear weapons. In the final document, the statement "an unequivocal undertaking by the nuclear weapon states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals" was included.

The World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity strongly requests that the nuclear weapon states sincerely accept international public opinion for the abolition of nuclear weapons as well as the 6th Article of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty. It also requests that they specify a time limit by which they intend to fulfill the "unequivocal undertaking" they have promised.

Besides the abolition of nuclear weapons, there are many pressing problems to be solved in the world including the environment, population, hunger, poverty, and war.

In order to make the 21st century a true century of peace, quickly discovering the clue to solving the negative legacy lingering from the 20th century is our generation's duty to the children who will carry the 21st century.

Once again, we declare, "for the future of humanity, one of the most important duties that we must achieve as humans is the abolition of nuclear weapons."

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