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Dr Tadatoshi Akiba
Mayor of Hiroshima
President of Mayors for Peace

By email: mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp

Dear Mayor Akiba

Re: Mayors for Peace Registration Form

I am pleased to advise that on 25 May 2010 the Glenelg Shire Council resolved to support the elimination of nuclear weapons by becoming a signatory to the Mayors for Peace campaign. Council also passed a resolution calling on the Prime Minister to support a Nuclear Weapons Convention and reaffirm the Government's commitment towards a world free of nuclear weapons. This action by Local Government sends a clear message to the Federal Government that there is a support for Australia to play a key role internationally in calling for a Nuclear Weapons Convention.

When I received the letter of invitation to sign up in April, my immediate response was to think of the obliterated communities - death and injury to innocent citizens, just going about their own business. This devastation gives a reality check that any community in the world can be targeted and destroyed.

It was with these thoughts that I decided to refer the invitation to join to Council to gain full support. I have also encouraged media to assist with portraying this important cause and strong message for world peace.

I hope with this exposure this will motivate other Mayors and Councils to also join the Mayors for Peace movement, particularly in our Region of South west Victoria, Australia.

I was honoured to host a Mayoral Reception on Friday 6 August 2010 as an official signing ceremony for Mayors for Peace. This particular day held significance as it was also the 65th Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima.

Council was fortunate to have Helen Relph, the Australian National Convenor of Mayors for Peace International in attendance. Her attendance and support was greatly appreciated by the Glenelg Shire.



Above: Mayor Cr Gilbert Wilson signing the Official Mayors for Peace Registration Form, with Helen Relph, Australian National Convenor of Mayors for Peace International

Yours faithfully



CR GILBERT WILSON

Mayor

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