

**The 8th General Conference of Mayors for Peace**  
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## Election of Executive Officials

President:	Mayor of Hiroshima (Japan)
Vice Presidents:	Mayor of Nagasaki (Japan)
	Lord Mayor of Hannover (Germany)
	Mayor of Volgograd (Russia)
	Mayor of Malakoff (France)
	Mayor of Muntinlupa (Philippines)
	Lord Mayor of Manchester (U.K.)
	Mayor of Akron (U.S.)
	Mayor of Ypres (Belgium)
	Mayor of Biograd na Moru (Croatia)
	Mayor of Granollers (Spain)
	Mayor of Halabja (Iraq)
	Mayor of Brussels (Belgium)
	Mayor of Fongo-Tongo (Cameroon)
	Mayor of Mexico City (Mexico)
	Mayor of Frogn (Norway)

Total: 16 Executives

(Explanation)

1. Among the candidates for Vice Presidents, the mayor of Fongo-Tongo, the mayor of Mexico City and the mayor of Frogn are currently Executive Members.
2. Other Vice Presidents will be reappointed.
3. The mayor of Florence (Italy, Vice President), the mayor of Montreal (Canada, Executive Member) and the mayor of Montevideo (Uruguay, Executive Member) have not been renominated, because of declination of reappointment.

(Reference)

### COVENANT OF THE MAYORS FOR PEACE (Excerpt)

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## Revision to the Covenant of Mayors for Peace (Japanese version)

### 1 Points revised

As of July 1 of this year, 1,330 municipalities from Japan are members in Mayors for Peace, and among those are 619 towns, villages, and special wards, aside from cities, making up 46.5% of Japan's membership. Taking this situation into account, it has been proposed to change the Japanese name of Mayors for Peace from *Heiwa Shicho (mayors) Kaigi* to *Heiwa Shucho (municipal leaders) Kaigi* along with the Japanese notation of 'mayor' in the Covenant accordingly, reflecting that the organization is open not only to mayors. This proposal was accepted at the national conference of Mayors for Peace held this January.

### 2 Contents of revision

Current	Revision proposal
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## Revision to the Covenant of Mayors for Peace (Japanese and English versions)

### 1 Points revised

In order to respond to the increasing number of member cities and improve the activities of Mayors for Peace in the following years, some revisions to the covenant regarding the Secretariat, such as establishing a Secretary General and Under-Secretary General, have been proposed.

### 2 Contents of revision

Current	Revision proposal
<p><b>CHAPTER V</b> THE SECRETARIAT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Establishment of the Secretariat <b>ARTICLE 11</b></p> <p>The Secretariat shall be established in <u>Hiroshima</u> to operate the Organization.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secretariat Staff <b>ARTICLE 12</b></p> <p>1. The Secretariat shall be comprised of a <u>Secretary-General</u> and support-staff. 2. The <u>Secretary-General and support-staff</u> shall be appointed by the President.</p>	<p><b>CHAPTER V</b> THE SECRETARIAT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Establishment of the Secretariat <b>ARTICLE 11</b></p> <p>The Secretariat shall be established in <u>the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation</u> to operate the Organization.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secretariat Staff <b>ARTICLE 12</b></p> <p>1. The Secretariat shall be comprised of a <u>Secretary General and Under-Secretary General</u>, and support-staff. 2. <u>The Chairperson of the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation shall serve as Secretary General.</u> 3. <u>The Executive Director of the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation shall serve as the Under-Secretary General.</u> 4. <u>The staff except the Secretary General and Under-Secretary General shall be appointed by the President.</u> 5. <u>The Secretary General shall preside over the duties of the Secretariat.</u> 6. <u>The Under-Secretary General shall assist the Secretary General. In case of the inability of the Secretary General to carry out the duties of the office, or if the post is vacant, the Under-Secretary General shall fulfill the duties of the Secretary General.</u></p>

### 3 Enactment date

August 6, 2013

COVENANT OF  
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## **COVENANT OF THE MAYORS FOR PEACE**

In August, 1945, the first nuclear weapons ever used in human history caused an indescribable catastrophe for the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Even now a number of A-bomb survivors are still suffering physically, psychologically, and socially from various after-effects. Nevertheless, nuclear weapons have not been abolished; they continue to threaten human existence. Our goal is to maintain environments that enable citizens to lead safe, cultural lives, and to contribute to the attainment of lasting world peace. To this end, we pledge to make every effort to create an inter-city solidarity transcending national boundaries and ideological differences in order to achieve the total abolition of nuclear weapons and avert the recurrence of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki tragedies.

We agree to the intent of the "Program to Promote Solidarity of Cities towards the Total Abolition of Nuclear Weapons" proposed by Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Furthermore, we hope that the "World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity," which held its first session in August of 1985, shall become a permanent organization. Accordingly, we do hereby establish an organization to be known as the "Mayors for Peace".

### **CHAPTER I PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES**

#### **Purposes ARTICLE 1**

The Purposes of the "Mayors for Peace" are to contribute to the attainment of lasting world peace by arousing concern among citizens of the world for the total abolition of nuclear weapons through close solidarity among all cities which agree to the "Program to Promote Solidarity of Cities towards the Total Abolition of Nuclear Weapons" as well as by striving to solve vital problems for the human race such as starvation and poverty, the plight of refugees, human rights abuses, and environmental degradation. (Cities which agree to the "Program to Promote Solidarity of Cities towards the Total Abolition of Nuclear Weapons" are hereinafter cited as solidarity cities.)

#### **Principles ARTICLE 2**

The Organization and solidarity cities, in pursuit of the Purposes stated in Article 1, shall act in accordance with the following Principles;

- (a) The Organization shall be based on friendship, goodwill, and respect for the actual conditions of Solidarity Cities.
- (b) The Organization shall devote itself to the total abolition of nuclear weapons and the attainment of lasting world peace, and to the solution of such problems as starvation, poverty, the plight of refugees, human rights abuses, and environmental degradation in cooperation with the United Nations, a major

- peace-keeping organization in the world.
- (c) Solidarity Cities shall work for the development of friendly relationships and bonds of solidarity among cities on the basis of mutual understanding and shall act in good faith for the attainment of the Purposes in accordance with the present Covenant.
  - (d) Solidarity Cities shall seek to increase global awareness of the "Spirit of Hiroshima and Nagasaki" by introducing and expanding the idea of Inter-City Solidarity.

## **CHAPTER II**

### **ACTIVITIES**

#### Details of the Activities

#### **ARTICLE 3**

The Organization, in pursuit of the Purposes stated in Article 1, shall be engaged in the following activities;

- (a) To introduce and expand the idea of inter-city solidarity to worldwide cities.
- (b) To make an appeal for the total abolition of nuclear weapons and general and complete disarmament to related organizations such as the United Nations.
- (c) To coordinate the following activities promoted by Solidarity Cities.
  - (i) Solidarity Cities shall hold gatherings and events devoted to the cause of disarmament and peace, and/or to the solution of such problems as starvation, poverty, the plight of refugees, human rights abuses, and environmental degradation and shall send copies of any statement, resolution, or proclamation, associated with these events, to other Solidarity Cities.
  - (ii) Solidarity cities shall transmit messages advocating the total abolition of nuclear weapons and general and complete disarmament to the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations during the United Nations Disarmament Week. In addition, copies of the messages shall be exchanged with other Solidarity Cities.
  - (iii) Solidarity Cities that sponsor workshops or meetings on peace, disarmament, and security issues, and/or the solution of such problems as starvation, poverty, the plight of refugees, human rights abuses, and environmental degradation shall send relevant pamphlets, books, and materials reporting these results to other Solidarity Cities.
  - (iv) Solidarity Cities that publish or obtain materials, brochures, or books related to peace, disarmament, and security issues, and/or to the solution of such problems as starvation, poverty, the plight of refugees, human rights abuses, and environmental degradation shall bring them to the attention of other Solidarity Cities.
  - (v) Bearing in mind the current international situation and the urgency and



importance of nuclear disarmament, Solidarity Cities shall hold photographic exhibitions which describe and depict to citizens around the world the actual nature of the devastations wreaked by the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

- (vi) The cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki shall cooperate by providing necessary exhibition photographs and introducing documentary films, slides, and books, that depict the disaster caused by the atomic bombings.
- (d) To sponsor and organize events as may be necessary to achieve the Purposes stated in the present Covenant.

### **CHAPTER III**

#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICIALS**

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### **CHAPTER IV**

## CONFERENCE

### General Conference and Executive Conference **ARTICLE 6**

The Organization shall hold a General Conference and an Executive Conference.

### General Conference **ARTICLE 7**

1. The General Conference shall meet every four years in principle.
2. The General Conference shall be held to achieve the Purposes stated in Article 1 and to decide and approve relevant questions.

### Executive Conference **ARTICLE 8**

1. The Executive Conference shall consist of the Executive Officials and shall meet when the occasion arises.
2. The Executive Conference shall be authorized to make emergency decisions for the Organization in place of the General Conference with the exception of electing the President and the Vice-President.

### Convocation **ARTICLE 9**

The General Conference or the Executive Conference shall be convoked by the President.

### Voting **ARTICLE 10**

1. Each Solidarity City participating in the General Conference or the Executive Conference shall have one vote. In case of absence, each Solidarity City may delegate its vote by proxy to another participating city.
2. Decisions of the Conference on all questions shall be made by a simple majority vote of participating cities. In case of tie votes, the President shall cast a deciding vote.
3. When circumstances render it impossible to hold a Conference, decisions shall be made by votes conveyed in letters to the Secretariat from Solidarity Cities.

## CHAPTER V

## THE SECRETARIAT

### Establishment of the Secretariat

#### ARTICLE 11

The Secretariat shall be established in the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation to operate the Organization.

### Secretariat Staff

#### ARTICLE 12

1. The Secretariat shall be comprised of a Secretary General and Under-Secretary General, and support-staff.
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## CHAPTER VI SHARE OF EXPENSES

### Expenses ARTICLE 13

Expenses required to operate the Secretariat (ordinary expenditure) and expenses required to hold the Conference (extraordinary expenditure) shall be decided by the General Conference on the recommendation of the Executive Conference.

## CHAPTER VII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Amendments  
**ARTICLE 14**

Amendments to the present Covenant shall come into force upon adoption by a two-thirds majority of the participating cities at the General Conference.

Delegation  
**ARTICLE 15**

Decisions required to operate the Secretariat, other than those stipulated in the present Covenant, shall be made by the President.

This covenant was executed on November 1, 1986  
Revised on October 16, 1991, effective the same  
day  
Revised on August 5, 2001, effective the same day  
Revised on August 6, 2013, effective the same day

## **Measures for strengthening Mayors for Peace's management system**

### 1. Purport

Since its foundation in 1982, Mayors for Peace has grown to an organization of 5,664 member cities from 157 countries and regions. The membership has almost doubled from 2,963 as of the time of the 7<sup>th</sup> General Conference, four years ago. However, there are growing gaps in activities between active members and others, and we face the challenge of how to involve many more cities in our activities. We would like to make our worldwide network stronger and more practical, enabling us to pursue continuous and effective initiatives into the future. For this purpose, it is essential to raise a sense of participation among all member cities to facilitate dynamic activities around the globe, as well as to secure a stable financial base.

In this context, at the executive conference held in Granollers, Spain in November 2011, it was agreed upon that there exists a necessity to commence discussions on how to strengthen Mayors for Peace's management system in order to put some proposals on the agenda for the 8<sup>th</sup> General Conference. Discussion meetings were held to this end by executive and other cities in Hanover, Germany in January 2012, in Vienna, Austria in May 2012, in Frog, Norway in July 2012, and in Geneva, Switzerland in April 2013. As a result, the following two measures have been designed.

### 2. Promoting regionalization and galvanizing regional activities

#### 1) Selection of lead cities and their roles

In order to encourage proactive and independent activities appropriate to each region, we will promote the creation of regional groups. For this end, we will select a number of lead cities, which serve as chapters for the Hiroshima Secretariat and take the lead in their regional activities. The lead cities are also expected to establish an appropriate system as chapters. Following discussions with candidate cities, the President will select lead cities, which will then identify countries and areas that will join their regional group. Also, when non-executive cities have been selected as lead cities, the cities will be appointed to become executive cities.

#### 2) Implementation timing

Fiscal year 2015

### 3. Introducing membership fees

#### 1) Basic scheme for membership fees

In order to build a system through which all member cities cooperate to support the organization while maintaining membership, each city will bear an annual membership fee of 2,000 yen. Furthermore, we will welcome any voluntary payment of more than 2,000 yen. Cities will not lose their membership automatically if they do not pay the fee.

Each city will send the fee through a lead city or directly to the Hiroshima Secretariat. However, if the Hiroshima Secretariat has agreed that there are circumstances to be considered, such as the necessity of using the funds for the chapter's activities or excessive remittance charges to the Hiroshima Secretariat, cities can be exempt from sending the fee to Hiroshima. Also, when deemed appropriate by the Hiroshima Secretariat after consultation with a lead city, cities paying their share to another local governmental organization promoting initiatives for nuclear weapons abolition in the same region can be exempt from sending the fee to the Hiroshima Secretariat.

The fee sent to the Hiroshima Secretariat will be primarily allocated for the implementation of new projects and the further development of existing projects as listed in the Action Plan. When surplus is expected, it may be appropriated to the usual running expenses of Mayors for Peace. The cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki will continue to bear a certain amount of running expenses. Moreover, when deemed necessary, each region will carry out a fundraising campaign in order to expand Mayors for Peace initiatives and secure a stable financial base.

#### 2) Implementation timing

Fiscal year 2015

## Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2013-2017)

### I Purport

Mayors for Peace has been dedicating its efforts to the expansion of its membership in order to develop the 2020 Vision (Emergency Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons), a set of guidelines for action aimed at abolition of nuclear weapons by 2020, under the cooperation of ever more cities and citizens worldwide. Currently, 5,712 cities from 157 countries/regions around the world have joined Mayors for Peace, representing one-seventh of the total global population, or one billion people.

As the circle of support for nuclear weapons abolition widens, we witness an accelerating momentum to highlight the inhumanity of nuclear weapons and outlaw them, which is precisely in line with our 2020 Vision in three key areas.

- Greater awareness of the urgent imperative to abolish nuclear weapons  
The international Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons held in Oslo on March 4 and 5, attended by 127 countries, considered both the direct impact of a nuclear explosion upon humanity and the indirect catastrophic impact on the global climate.
- Good faith efforts to get negotiations started towards achieving a nuclear-weapon-free world  
The 2012 UN General Assembly established an Open-Ended Working Group with a mandate to develop proposals to proceed with multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations for the achievement and maintenance of a world without nuclear weapons. The Working Groups sessions in Geneva attended by about 70 countries, including many of those allied to nuclear weapon states, as well as international organizations and civil society, started sessions in May to compile a report for the sixty-eighth UN General Assembly Session in September.
- Holding the High-level meeting of the UN General Assembly on nuclear disarmament  
For the first time ever, the UN General Assembly will hold a high-level plenary meeting at the opening of the UN General Assembly on September 26 to discuss nuclear disarmament. The UN resolution that scheduled this session urges participation at the “highest level”, and Mayors for Peace has been urging the same.

From now on, one of the roles that Mayors for Peace must play is to strengthen the voice of the citizens urging concrete measures towards nuclear weapons abolition to governments worldwide, and to raise the international public awareness calling for nuclear weapons abolition. For this purpose, the expansion of membership in Mayors for Peace and the active development of independent activities at the city, regional, and international level are necessary. In addition to having even more people understand the reality of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and having the message of the atomic bomb survivors, calling for nuclear weapons

abolition, be shared by people around the world, it will be necessary to foster public opinion with the cooperation of many groups. Furthermore, it is necessary to strengthen the measures calling on the United Nations and governments of various nations to overcome the barriers of mutual distrust, regardless of nationality, race, religion, as well as building a sense of community, and creating a security system rooted in a feeling of brotherhood as fellow members of the human race.

In addition, the improvement of the financial basis of Mayors for Peace and the Secretariat's function is also an important challenge.

Based on these considerations, the main projects to be promoted from 2013 to 2017 under the 2020 Vision are as listed below.

## II Main Projects

### 1. Expanding membership and strengthening Mayors for Peace's management system

#### 1) Expanding membership

##### i. Calling on non-member cities for membership through various channels

We will call on non-member cities to join Mayors for Peace, not only through the Mayors for Peace Secretariat (hereafter referred to as Hiroshima Secretariat) but through associations of local governments, lead cities, 2020 Vision Campaigners, and other channels.

##### ii. Calling on capital cities for membership <new>

We will promote the membership of capital cities, which have great political influence.

#### 2) Promoting regionalization and galvanizing regional activities <new>

##### i. Selection of lead cities and their roles

In order to encourage proactive and independent activities appropriate to each region, we will promote the creation of regional groups. For this end, we will select a number of lead cities, which will serve as chapters for the Hiroshima Secretariat and take the lead in their regional activities. The lead cities are also expected to establish an appropriate system as chapters. Following discussions with candidate cities, the President will select lead cities, which will then identify countries and areas that will join their regional group. Also, when non-executive cities have been selected as lead cities, the cities will be appointed to become executive cities.

##### ii. Holding of regional conferences by member cities

To stimulate regional activities, lead cities will hold regional conferences to exchange information and determine the content of activities based on regional characteristics.

#### 3) Strengthening information transmission <new>



We will utilize social media to facilitate the transmission of information about Mayors for Peace's activities and information exchange among member cities.

#### 4) Solidifying the financial basis

##### i. Fundraising

We will try to collect funds for our activities from funding organizations and other sources.

##### ii. Membership fees <new>

In order to build a system through which all member cities cooperate to support the organization while maintaining membership, each city will bear an annual membership fee of 2,000 yen. Furthermore, we will welcome any voluntary payment of more than 2,000 yen. Cities will not lose their membership automatically if they do not pay the fee.

#### 5) Improving the Secretariat's functions

##### i. Receiving of interns, etc.

We will work to improve the functions of the Secretariat through receiving interns from member cities and maintaining information about member cities.

##### ii. Establishing the positions of Secretary General and Under-Secretary General <new>

The Chairperson and Executive Director of the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation will serve respectively as Secretary General and Under Secretary General at the Hiroshima Secretariat.

## 2. Fostering the international public opinion for nuclear weapons abolition

### 1) Communication and transmission of Hiroshima and Nagasaki's messages

#### i. Spreading the reality of atomic bombing through holding A-bomb Poster Exhibitions in member cities

Member cities will hold Hiroshima-Nagasaki A-bomb Poster Exhibitions in their cities so that more citizens may deepen their understanding of the reality of atomic bombings and share our strong desire for nuclear abolition. Also, through the cooperation with worldwide peace and war museums, we will disseminate the reality of the atomic bombings. In order to hold an exhibition, cities will apply to the City of Hiroshima, the City of Nagasaki, or the Hiroshima Secretariat for A-bomb posters, etc. as well as carrying out effective promotional activities.

#### ii. A-bomb survivor testimony through Skype

We will transmit testimonies of A-bomb survivors through Skype connecting venues in member cities and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum.

#### iii. Promotion of Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Course

We will encourage colleges and universities in member cities to establish and promote Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses designed to analyze, systematize, and convey the reality of the atomic bombings and A-bomb survivors' messages to younger generations.

iv. Distribution and cultivation of seeds and seedlings of A-bombed trees <new>

We will distribute the seeds and seedlings of A-bombed trees, which have survived the atomic bombing and are alive today, to the member cities wishing to receive them. They will carry out activities to raise citizens' awareness for peace using trees, as well as taking care of them as a symbol of peace.

v. Distribution and preservation of the Flame of Peace <new>

We will distribute fire from the Flame of Peace, which will keep burning until all nuclear weapons on the planet are eliminated, to the member cities which are interested in this project. They will carry out projects to raise citizens' awareness for peace using the flame, as well as keeping it burning as a symbol of peace.

vi. Holding of Exhibition: 'The Light' - Portraits of the 'Hibakusha' <new>

To the member cities wishing to hold this event, we will lend portraits of atomic bomb survivors and their second/third generation drawn by the faculty and students of the Hiroshima City University, as well as descriptions about their A-bomb experiences and wish for peace.

vii. Screening of animated films: 'On a Paper Crane' and 'Barefoot Gen' <new>

To the member cities wishing to hold this event, we will lend animated films for screening, such as 'On a Paper Crane', a story about a 12-year-old girl Sadako Sasaki who died due to an A-bomb related disease while folding paper cranes in hope for her recovery, and 'Barefoot Gen', depicting a strong-willed boy named Gen who lived through hardship among the ruins of Hiroshima.

viii. Receiving of journalists and peace activists from member cities and diplomats <new>

We will receive journalists and peace activists from member cities and diplomats of foreign missions in Japan in Hiroshima and Nagasaki so that they may understand the reality of the atomic bombings and share our strong desire for nuclear weapons abolition. Following their return to their home countries, we will encourage them to engage in various activities to foster public opinion toward nuclear abolition in their cities.

ix. Receiving of youths and university students to Hiroshima and Nagasaki <new>

We will receive youths from member cities and students from universities which have established the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Course so that they can deepen their

understanding of the reality of the atomic bombings, and get involved with nuclear abolition activities in their cities. We will provide them with opportunities to participate in peace-related programs, such as listening to an A-bomb survivor's testimony, interacting with local youths and peace activists in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and attending a briefing about Mayors for Peace.

## 2) Cooperation with a variety of groups, promotion of awareness activities

### i. Promotion of a resolution for Mayors for Peace initiatives at associations of local authorities around the world

In order to foster public opinion for nuclear weapons abolition on a wide-ranging city and citizen level, we will encourage various associations of local authorities around the world, such as United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), United States Conference of Mayors (USCM), Federation of Latin America and Caribbean Cities, Municipalities and Local Government Associations (FLACMA) and Japan Association of City Mayors, to pass a resolution for our initiatives toward nuclear weapons abolition. When a resolution is passed, we will publicize the fact on our website or through a press release.

### ii. Strengthening of collaboration with worldwide peace institutes including the Hiroshima Peace Institute and the Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition

We will investigate the possibility of joint projects with worldwide peace institutes including the Hiroshima Peace Institute of Hiroshima City University, and the Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition of Nagasaki University, as well as utilizing their human resources and academic research results as peace research institutions in atomic bombed cities.

### iii. Collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Red Cross/Red Crescent Societies <new>

We will collaborate with ICRC and Red Cross/Red Crescent Societies around the world in order to foster international public opinion toward nuclear weapons abolition through activities such as co-sponsoring A-bomb poster exhibitions, distributing seeds and seedlings of atomic bombed trees, and sharing the fire of the Flame of Peace in the Peace Memorial Park.

### iv. Building of networks with international peace organizations and collaboration with their activities <new>

We will work to build networks with international peace organizations, peace NGOs, associations of local authorities, parliamentarians, prominent figures in culture, arts, sports, etc. as well as collaborating with their activities.

- v. Collaboration with the Peace Boat on the Hibakusha World Tour Project with the theme “I was her age.” <New from 2020VCA>

In collaboration with the peace NGO Peace Boat, we will plan a route for a ship voyage with atomic bomb survivors and youth, coinciding with the 2015 NPT Review Conference in New York, and making stops at member cities on the way from and to Japan. In member cities and New York, we will organize peace gatherings, in which parents with their young children encounter hibakusha who in 1945 were the same age as their child is today and pledge to strive for the abolition of nuclear weapons. Host cities will undertake to promote public awareness of and participation in the gathering with the hibakusha, as well as local, national, and where possible international media attention.

- vi. Creation and publication of the Cities’ World Peace Calendar <New from 2020VCA>

The Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign Association (2020VCA) will take the lead in creating and publicizing the Peace Calendar, which recognizes activities toward nuclear weapons abolition being undertaken in member cities on each of the 365 days of the year. Cities which have experienced the scourge of war will be encouraged to commemorate the anniversary of the attack on their city in the spirit of “Cities Are Not Targets!” All member cities will also be encouraged to commemorate the 1945 atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki (on or between 6-9 August) and/or the International Day of Peace (21 September).

- vii. Centennial Commemoration of the first use of weapons of mass destruction <New from 2020VCA>

An international conference of cities in Ypres, Belgium, to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first use of weapons of mass destruction (begin 22 April 2015). The themes will be “A Century of WMD: Enough!” and “Cities Are Not Targets!” and will publicize the results of a comprehensive survey of the historical experience of cities coming under attack in the last 100 years compiled by the 2020 Vision Campaign. The conference will consider how cities can most effectively mobilize to counter the targeting of cities in the future, including threats of use of weapons of mass destruction.

### 3. Promotion of actions for the early realization of a nuclear weapons convention

- i. Calling on the United Nations and governments for action

Taking advantage of the following international conferences, we will call on the United Nations and governments around the world to take action in good faith toward the conclusion of a nuclear weapons convention. As well as other international gatherings that may in due course be scheduled by governments and the United Nations, such as a renewed mandate for the Open-Ended Working Group on Taking Forward Multilateral

#### Nuclear Disarmament Negotiations in 2014

- September 2013 High-level meeting of the UN General Assembly on nuclear disarmament (New York, USA)
- February 2014 International Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons (Mexico)
- April 2014 2014 ministerial meeting of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (NPDI) (Hiroshima, Japan)
- April-May 2014 Third Session of the Preparatory Committee for the NPT Review Conference (New York, USA)
- April-May 2015 NPT Review Conference (New York, USA)

#### ii. Promoting a petition drive calling for a nuclear weapons convention

Member cities will carry out a petition drive demanding the immediate commencement of negotiations for a nuclear weapons convention. Each member city will collect as many signatures as possible ahead of the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee for the NPT Review Conference to be held in 2014, and send them to the Hiroshima Secretariat by the end of March 2014. They will continue to collect petitions thereafter and the President of Mayors for Peace will submit them to the United Nations as appropriate.

#### iii. Sending protest letters against acts contrary to the objective of nuclear weapons abolition

Mayors for Peace will send letters and messages of protest against acts contrary to the objective of nuclear abolition, such as nuclear tests, threats, and development.

#### iv. Selection of 2020 Vision Ambassadors

Member cities will nominate 2020 Vision Ambassadors who will spread the philosophy of Mayors for Peace and communicate messages for nuclear abolition utilizing their talent, fame, and status. The 2020 Vision Campaign Association will choose from among the nominees.

#### v. Increasing the number of 2020 Vision Campaigners and support for their activities

We will increase the number of 2020 Vision Campaigners working to promote and educate people about the 2020 Vision Campaign, and to recruit member cities for Mayors for Peace. Furthermore, we will support their activities by providing information and promotional goods through the 2020 Vision Campaign Association.

## Agenda Item 4: Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2013-2017)

### II Main Projects

#### 1. Expanding membership and strengthening Mayors for Peace's management system

##### 4) Solidifying the financial basis

[Current]

##### i. Fundraising

We will try to collect funds for our activities from funding organizations and other sources.

[Collection]

##### i. Fundraising

Mayors for Peace will seek to explore and use better and more effective fund raising strategies to maximize fund raising beyond membership fees, for example, specific events, joint projects with partners and application to funding and revenue giving organizations.

### II Main Projects

#### 2. Fostering the international public opinion for nuclear weapons abolition

##### 2) Cooperation with a variety of groups, promotion of awareness activities

[Current]

##### iv. Building of networks with international peace organizations and collaboration with their activities <new>

We will work to build networks with international peace organizations, peace NGOs, associations of local authorities, parliamentarians, prominent figures in culture, arts, sports, etc. as well as collaborating with their activities.

[Correction]

##### iv. Building of networks with international peace organizations and collaboration with their activities <new>

We will work to build networks with international peace organizations, peace NGOs, ~~associations of local authorities~~, parliamentarians, prominent figures in culture, arts, sports, etc. as well as collaborating with their activities. We will especially strengthen and intensify our collaboration with the Abolition 2000 - Global Network to Eliminate Nuclear Weapons (Abolition 2000) and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN).