

## Resolution

In this milestone 70<sup>th</sup> year of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the average age of *hibakusha* has exceeded 80. We reaffirm our common commitment to realize their fervent wish to eliminate nuclear weapons, and to address such pressing issues as poverty, refugees, and climate change, as per Article 3 of the Mayors for Peace Covenant, as discussed at the 9<sup>th</sup> Mayors for Peace Executive Conference. We hereby resolve and announce Mayors for Peace will act with determination and take concrete actions to achieve these great goals. We will do everything in our power to build global momentum, through the solidarity of the more than 6,800 member cities from 161 countries and regions, towards nuclear abolition by the year 2020.

The powerful message of *hibakusha* who experienced an arduous and indescribable ordeal—that “No one ever should suffer as we have”—has served as a strong driving force, transcending national borders and generations, for the rise of the international movement to abolish all nuclear weapons. Such weapons are costing over \$100 billion annually—funds that could instead be used to reverse climate change, eliminate poverty and address other social and economic needs.

International public opinion calling for the legal ban on nuclear weapons has been steadily growing in recent years with a focus on the inhumanity of nuclear weapons. Though the final document of last April’s NPT Review Conference—which would have had shown the path to nuclear abolition—was not adopted, a basic agreement on the establishment of a working group to identify and elaborate effective measures to realize the full implementation of nuclear disarmament obligation had been reached based on Article VI of the NPT.

Meanwhile, nuclear-weapons states and the nations under their umbrella oppose any legal prohibition on nuclear weapons. Nearly 16,000 such weapons still exist in the world. Furthermore, with the disclosure of official information, the international community has now begun to realize that the risk of the use of nuclear weapons due to miscommunication or accidents is too high to be overlooked. There is also serious concern about the use of nuclear weapons by terrorists who would not hesitate to use them the moment they were acquired.

Under such circumstances, we believe that it is essential to make strengthening our campaign towards the total abolition of nuclear weapons as our common goal. In order to increase the momentum towards a legal ban on nuclear weapons and pave a path to a world free of such weapons, we will devote ourselves to the following initiatives:

1. We urge all governments to participate in the United Nations Open-Ended Working Group established to undertake substantive work on legal measure to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons.
2. Seizing every possible opportunity, including international conferences, we will call on policymakers and people around the world to visit the A-bombed cities as well as will continue to strive to help people deepen their understanding of the reality of the atomic bombings.
3. We will further promote our efforts to raise awareness within civil society regarding the high probability of accidents taking place in our backyards due to the very existence of nuclear weapons.
4. We will exercise mayoral leadership in order to generate a rising tide in civil society towards the abolition of nuclear weapons, and other goals as described in Article 3 of the Covenant.
5. As mayors, we will deliver our citizens’ voices to our own governments and urge those governments to work proactively for nuclear abolition.

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