

## ***Under the Vision for Peaceful Transformation to a Sustainable World***

In order to achieve a world in which all people can perpetually benefit from peace by realizing the total elimination of nuclear weapons and by attaining and maintaining peaceful coexistence between the whole of humanity, subsequent to the *2020 Vision*, we, Mayors for Peace, have created our new Vision, titled *Vision for Peaceful Transformation to a Sustainable World (PX Vision): Peacebuilding by Cities for Disarmament and Common Security*. Based on this, we will build cities where citizens act with a strong sense of solidarity for the ultimate goal of realizing lasting world peace.

As the Vision of a global network made up of heads of local governments, whose role is to ensure citizens' safety and security, it centers on the objective "realize a world without nuclear weapons" in the quest for the eradication of the greatest threat to our peaceful lives.

Another objective, "realize safe and resilient cities," has been set forth as a target indispensable to ensuring citizens' safety and security by tackling the issues distinctive to each member's region that are threatening the coexistence of the human race.

While accomplishing these two objectives, we must also bring about a fundamentally important paradigm shift involving two things. Firstly, we will seek to change the "nation-minded" approach currently prevalent among global leaders, which prioritizes each country's own interests, to a "civic-minded" approach, which values mutual aid and the recognition of shared interest. Secondly and more importantly, we will seek to build a consensus in civil society in favor of the realization of a peaceful, nuclear weapon-free world. Through the shift represented by these two things, we will urge policymakers to demonstrate decisive leadership to effect peace-oriented policy change. For this reason, we have set forth a third objective, "promote a culture of peace," to establish a concrete base for the other two objectives. This entails cultivating peace consciousness and causing a culture of peace—a culture in which the everyday actions of each member of the public are grounded in thinking about peace—to take root in civil society. As a network composed of mayors of local governments, the most immediate presence to citizens, Mayors for Peace has concluded that promoting a culture of peace is the most significant role to fulfill both locally and internationally.

These three objectives to achieve a nuclear weapon-free world, safe and resilient cities, and a culture of peace are mutually reinforcing goals. Together, they aim to cultivate a shared sense of belonging to a single human family, regardless of our cultural, religious, or ethnic differences.

Furthermore, sustainable development of Mayors for Peace as an organization will be key to consistent implementation of various initiatives under this Vision. To that end, in conjunction with further expansion of our membership, we will enhance our members' initiatives, work in collaboration with a diverse range of groups, strengthen the functions of the Secretariat, and improve our financial capability.

Based on the following Vision and the 2021 – 2025 Action Plan, and in solidarity with 8,037 member cities in 165 countries and regions, we hereby express our determination to continue our utmost efforts toward our goal of realizing lasting world peace.

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# **I *Vision for Peaceful Transformation to a Sustainable World (PX Vision):***

## ***Peacebuilding by Cities for Disarmament and Common Security***

### **Objective A: Realize a world without nuclear weapons**

With cities and the citizens who live in them being their targets, and catastrophic consequences on a global scale to be inflicted by their use, nuclear weapons are the greatest threat to the safety and security of citizens' lives. We will urge global leaders to effect peace-oriented policy change by calling on the UN and national governments, especially the nuclear-armed states and their allies, to take concrete action for the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

### **Objective B: Realize safe and resilient cities**

In pursuit of ensuring citizens' safety and security, we will strive to address and solve a diverse range of issues distinctive to each member's region that are threatening the coexistence of the human race such as starvation, poverty, the plight of refugees, human rights abuses, and environmental degradation.

### **Objective C: Promote a culture of peace**

We will seek both to create an environment that urges policymakers to demonstrate decisive leadership to effect peace-oriented policy changes that facilitate the abolition of nuclear weapons, and to establish a civil society in which citizens act with a strong sense of solidarity for the realization of peaceful coexistence between the whole of humanity. To that end, we will cultivate peace consciousness and cause a culture of peace—a culture in which the everyday actions of each member of the public are grounded in thinking about peace—to take root in civil society as the foundation of lasting world peace.

## II Mayors for Peace Action Plan (2021 – 2025)

For cities to ensure the safety and security of their citizens from the great threat of nuclear weapons and to attain and maintain peaceful coexistence between the whole of humanity, under three objectives set forth in the Vision, Mayors for Peace member cities will implement the following initiatives to promote peacebuilding by cities.

### Objective A: Realize a world without nuclear weapons

#### **1. Sharing in the *hibakusha*'s earnest wishes**

##### **1) Promote the universalization of the TPNW by involving the nuclear-armed states and their allies**

We fully embrace the letter and the spirit of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). We will aim at winning additional states parties, so that the treaty can maximize its impact to lead to the total elimination of nuclear weapons for which the *hibakusha*, the atomic bomb survivors, have been calling for so long. To this end, we will seek the good-faith engagement of the nuclear-armed states and their allies with the TPNW and in other efforts to achieve an effective, verifiable, transparent, irreversible, and universal nuclear disarmament regime.

##### **i. Issue open letters urging the ratification of the TPNW**

To promote the universalization of the TPNW, the Executive Cities will issue open letters addressed to national governments, especially to the nuclear-armed states and their allies, urging them to join the treaty.

##### **ii. Conduct activities led by member cities in the nuclear-armed states and their allied states urging their respective national government to join the TPNW**

Member cities in the nuclear-armed states and their allied states will each urge their own national government to join the TPNW through activities such as issuing letters requesting the ratification of the treaty. In addition, they will each request their own national government as a first step to take part in the Meetings of States Parties as observers.

##### **2) Appeal to the UN and national governments for the abolition of nuclear weapons**

Having the *hibakusha*'s sincere desire for peace at our core, we will urge the UN and national governments to make substantial progress on nuclear disarmament toward their total abolition, and to establish a common security framework that is based on mutual cooperation. For this, we will continue making appeals on the importance of moving away from nuclear deterrence, full implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) disarmament obligation, and visiting the atomic bombed cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

##### **i. Call for progress on nuclear disarmament at international conferences**

The Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki will attend international conferences addressing nuclear disarmament such as the NPT Review Conferences and Meetings of States Parties to the TPNW, in which they will call the government delegations and UN representatives to make substantial progress on nuclear disarmament by delivering speeches from the floor and through meetings with the attendees, including through support for the negotiation of a comprehensive Nuclear Weapons Convention.

##### **ii. Issue open letters aimed at the abolition of nuclear weapons**

At important moments in nuclear disarmament, the Executive Cities will issue open letters addressed to the UN and national governments, urging them to make substantial progress on nuclear disarmament.

**iii. Conduct member city-led activities calling on their respective national governments to contribute to the abolition of nuclear weapons**

Member cities will each call on their own national government to commit and contribute to the abolition of nuclear weapons by activities such as submitting letters of request.

**3) Support public calls by a wide range of citizens urging policymakers to effect policy change**

**i. Conduct petition drives calling for all states to join the TPNW at the earliest date**

Member cities will spread the message that nuclear weapons are an absolute evil that must not exist to members of the public throughout the world, thus building a consensus in civil society in favor of their abolition, and urge policymakers to demonstrate decisive leadership to effect peace-oriented policy change. For this purpose, member cities, in collaboration with their citizens, will conduct petition drives calling for all states to join the TPNW at the earliest date.

The Mayors for Peace Secretariat (hereinafter referred to as “the Secretariat”) will gather collected signatures and submit them to UN officials on occasions such as Mayors for Peace delegations attending international conferences addressing nuclear disarmament.

**Objective B: Realize safe and resilient cities**

**2. Contribute to a sustainable Earth and society: Promoting the SDGs**

**1) Promote regional initiatives addressing local issues and challenges such as terrorism, the plight of refugees, environmental degradation, acceptance of diversity, and promotion of inclusion**

**i. Build cities that “leave no one behind”**

Under the principle of “leaving no one behind,” member cities will commit themselves to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals, especially those pertaining to peace, cities, and education. While sharing useful information with other members through the Secretariat, member cities will strive to address and solve a diverse range of issues and challenges distinctive to each member’s region such as terrorism, the plight of refugees, environmental degradation, acceptance of diversity, promotion of inclusion, poverty, starvation, and violence.

**ii. Hold regional conferences aimed at solving local issues**

Aimed at solving a diverse range of issues distinctive to each member’s region and further enhancing regional activities with the participation of citizens, the Lead Cities, leading the regional chapters, will hold regional conferences. At regional conferences, they will share useful information such as activities by the member cities in the region.

**Objective C: Promote a culture of peace**

**3. Foster and expand international public support**

**A & B** : Initiatives aimed at achieving the objectives “realize a world without nuclear weapons” and “realize safe and resilient cities”

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**B** : Initiatives aimed at achieving the objective “realize safe and resilient cities”

## **1) Cultivate peace consciousness in civil society**

### **A & B**

#### **i. Promote the importance of peace through art and sporting events**

Member cities will encourage more citizens to think about the importance of peace through music, fine art, and other forms of art expressing desire for peace, as well as through sports and other activities that emotionally connect people across language barriers; for example, celebrating one particular month of the year as the “Month for a Culture of Peace” holding a variety of cultural events aimed at raising peace awareness.

#### **ii. Collaborate with citizens engaged in activities to promote a culture of peace**

Member cities will work in close collaboration with citizens engaged in activities promoting a culture of peace, aiming to cultivate a culture of peace in civil society and stimulate members of the public to think about the importance of peace.

### **A**

#### **iii. Promote outreach concerning the current international situation surrounding nuclear weapons**

To have as many citizens as possible deepen their understanding of the inhumane nature of nuclear weapons and the grave risks and devastating consequences they pose, member cities will engage in outreach on relevant occasions such as the UN’s International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons and International Day of Peace.

In addition, in close collaboration with international peace research institutes such as the Hiroshima Peace Institute of Hiroshima City University and Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition of Nagasaki University, the Secretariat will share useful resources and post timely information on nuclear weapons on the Mayors for Peace website and in the monthly News Flash newsletter.

#### **iv. Publicize research on the methodology of peacebuilding**

In close collaboration with international peace research institutes such as the Hiroshima Peace Institute of Hiroshima City University and Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition of Nagasaki University, the Secretariat will publicize their research on the Mayors for Peace website and in the monthly News Flash newsletter, making them widely available and accessible for members of the public.

### **B**

#### **v. Organize events to build momentum for achieving the SDGs**

To have more citizens deepen their understanding of the SDGs and to have them participate in creating an inclusive society that “leaves no one behind” in their cities, member cities will organize outreach events on relevant occasions such as the UN’s Global Goals Week.

## **2) Widely convey the realities of the atomic bombings and war**

### **A**

#### **i. Hold Mayors for Peace Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibitions**

To have more people deepen the understanding of the realities of the atomic bombings and share in the wish for the abolition of nuclear weapons, with support from the Secretariat, member cities will hold the Mayors for Peace Atomic Bomb Poster Exhibition.

**ii. Pass down atomic bomb experiences through testimonies**

To pass down the *hibakusha*'s experiences of the atomic bombings to as many people as possible, have them share in the *hibakusha*'s sincere desire for the abolition of nuclear weapons and to encourage them to take action for peace, with support from the Secretariat, member cities will provide opportunities for their citizens to hear their testimony while using online video conference platform or on video.

**iii. Distribute and nurture seeds and seedlings from atomic bomb survivor trees**

The Secretariat will distribute seeds and seedlings from atomic bomb survivor trees, which still stand in Hiroshima and Nagasaki as silent witnesses, to member cities. Aiming to raise public peace consciousness through citizens, member cities will plant them at places where many citizens visit, and nurture them by hands of citizens as symbols of peace.

**B**

**iv. Hold outreach events conveying the devastation caused by war**

To have more people deepen their understanding of the realities of the devastation caused by wars, and to share in the importance of peace, member cities will hold outreach events such as poster exhibitions.

**v. Pass down war experiences through testimonies**

To have more people deepen the understanding of the realities of the devastation caused by wars, share in the importance of peace, and take action for peace, member cities will provide opportunities for their citizens to hear testimonies by those who have experienced war, while using online video conference platforms or on video.

**3) Develop youth leadership for future peace activities**

**A & B**

**i. Further promote peace education through initiatives such as the annual Children's Art Competition "Peaceful Towns"**

To provide opportunities for young people to think about the importance of peace and to foster their peace-seeking spirit, member cities will accept the submissions of artworks from the children in their cities to the annual Children's Art Competition "Peaceful Towns", organized by the Secretariat. In addition, member cities will further promote peace education on the subjects of the abolition of nuclear weapons, SDGs, and a culture of peace.

**ii. Promote peace and disarmament education**

Member cities will promote the importance of disarmament as a means to achieve peace among young people, and stimulate them to engage in activities to raise public awareness for disarmament in their cities. For these purposes, with support from the Secretariat, member cities will provide their young officials and local university and graduate students opportunities to attend seminars and online courses on peace and disarmament education, utilizing the teaching resources and model curriculum created by the Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition of Nagasaki University.

**A**

**iii. Further enrich programs to host youth in the atomic bombed cities such as the Youth Exchange for Peace Support Program**

The Secretariat will further enrich programs that host youth from member cities in the atomic bombed cities, such as the Youth Exchange for Peace Support Program, to have them deepen their understanding of the realities of the atomic bombings. They will thus be stimulated to engage in peace activities in their own cities aimed at the abolition of nuclear weapons. After going back to their respective cities, each of the participants and the member city they represent will together conduct peace activities.

**iv. Send Mayors for Peace youth delegation to international conferences addressing nuclear disarmament**

To have young people understand the current international situation surrounding nuclear weapons through real-life experiences, and to provide them opportunities to convey the messages for the abolition of nuclear weapons from the atomic bombed cities, the Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki will send young people engaged in various peace activities as Mayors for Peace youth delegations to international conferences addressing nuclear disarmament such as the NPT Review Conferences.

In addition, on such occasions, the Secretariat will host Mayors for Peace Youth Fora inviting young people engaged in peace activities in many different countries to provide them with opportunities to take part in discussions and presentations on their activities.

**v. Support more universities to establish Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses**

Member cities, with support from the Secretariat, will encourage a greater number of local universities to establish Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses, which are accredited by the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation and which academically approach the realities of the atomic bombings and the importance of peace.

**4. Promote sustainable development of Mayors for Peace as an organization**

**1) Further expand membership**

**i. Strengthen regional recruiting activities by referring to model cases**

To achieve 10,000 member cities and create real momentum for peace, the Lead Cities will further strengthen their recruiting activities to gain new members, especially in the nuclear-armed states. In doing so, they will refer to the model cases presented by the other regional chapters, and also to how the Secretariat works in close partnership with embassies.

**2) Enhance member city activities**

**i. Collect and share good examples of activities by member cities**

To encourage member cities to take the lead in enhancing initiatives that they develop independently, the Secretariat and the Lead Cities will collect good examples of such initiatives and post them on the Mayors for Peace website and monthly News Flash newsletter.

**ii. Stimulate regional activities led by the Lead Cities**

To stimulate activities at each region, the Lead Cities will take the lead in conducting activities in close collaboration with the member cities in their regions, referring to good examples presented by the other regional chapters.

**3) Work in collaboration with a diverse range of groups**

**i. Work in collaboration with associations of local authorities such as the USCM, NFLA, and UCLG**

To create momentum for peace and expand our network both on the level of cities and of citizens, the Secretariat and the Lead Cities will work in close collaboration with associations of local authorities around the world that the Lead Cities work in partnership with—including the US Conference of Mayors (USCM), Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA), United Cities for Local Governments (UCLG), and Metropolis—to gain their support for Mayors for Peace activities.

**ii. Work in collaboration with international organizations such as the UN, the ICRC, and ICAN**

To effectively foster and expand international public support for the realization of lasting world peace, the Secretariat and the Lead Cities will work in close partnership with international organizations such as the UN, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), Peace Boat, Abolition 2000, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), and the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs.

**iii. Strengthen collaboration with international peace research institutes such as the Hiroshima Peace Institute of Hiroshima City University and Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition of Nagasaki University**

The Secretariat will strengthen collaboration with international peace research institutes such as the Hiroshima Peace Institute of Hiroshima City University and Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition of Nagasaki University to utilize their research and bring their expertise in the field to Mayors for Peace initiatives.

**iv. Promote collaboration with memorial museums of the world that convey the realities of the atomic bombings and war**

In addition to further strengthening the collaboration with Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum, the Secretariat will expand its network of memorial museums of the world that convey the devastation caused by war. Working in collaboration with them, the Secretariat will provide opportunities for the citizens of member cities to hear testimonies of *hibakusha* and other people who have experienced war, and conduct outreach regarding Mayors for Peace initiatives.

**4) Strengthen the functions of the Secretariat**

**i. Enhance initiatives led by the regional chapters and strengthen their collaboration with the Secretariat**

The Secretariat will collect good examples of initiatives independently implemented by regional chapters from around the globe that are distinctive to their respective regions, and share them on the Mayors for Peace website and in the monthly News Flash newsletter, aiming to enhance initiatives led by the regional chapters and strengthening their collaboration with the Secretariat.

**ii. Strengthen collaboration with member cities through the internships**

The Secretariat will host young officials from member cities in Hiroshima as interns at the Secretariat. This aims not only to strengthen collaboration between the Secretariat and member cities, but also to have participants promote Mayors for Peace initiatives in the local government they work for. In turn, the member cities that sent them will collaborate with them on peace initiatives.

**iii. Share information in a timely and effective manner through social media**

To effectively foster and expand international public support for the realization of lasting world peace, in addition to using the Mayors for Peace website, the Secretariat and the Lead Cities will share information on Mayors for Peace activities in real time through social media such as Facebook and Twitter.

**iv. Practice public relations aimed at gaining a greater number of supporters**

The Secretariat and the Lead Cities will conduct public relations activities through a wide range of means to gain publicity for Mayors for Peace and to gain a greater number of supporters for our activities.



## **5) Improve financial capability**

### **i. Improve the collection rate of the membership fee**

As the number of member cities increases, in addition to building a strong sense of solidarity between members, having the financial capability to be able to consistently implement various initiatives is essential. For this purpose, the Secretariat and the Lead Cities will work to improve the collection rate of the membership fee, making member cities more aware of how the membership fee supports our activities and making the payment process clearer.

### **ii. Explore ways to raise funds from a larger number of supporters**

To further improve our financial capability, the Secretariat and the Lead Cities will explore ways of raising donations and funding for our activities from a greater number of supporters.