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His Excellency,
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Mayor of Hiroshima
President of Mayors for Peace
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Excellency,

Many thanks for your letter of 19 July 2021 and for informing me about the new Vision adopted by Mayors for Peace. I am very impressed by this new approach by Mayors for Peace and by the Action Plan, which aims to turn this into reality. The formulated objectives "to realize "a world without nuclear weapons," "safe and resilient cities," and to "promote a culture of peace" are pertinent and particularly urgent today. This approach is also entirely consistent with what States Parties of the TPNW want to achieve with this new treaty. I am therefore also delighted that Mayors for Peace will also work towards the universalisation of the TPNW. In this context, I hope that your efforts of trying to convince the Japanese government to participate as observer at the 1st Meeting of States Parties will be successful. In any case, I very much look forward to seeing you in Vienna at the 1st Meeting of states Parties together with *Hibakusha* representatives who have done so much to make the TPNW a reality in international law. Let me close by expressing my gratitude and admiration for the continuous efforts by Mayors for Peace and by you personally to promote a world without nuclear weapons.

Sincerely,



Alexander Kmentt, Ambassador

President-designate of the 1st meeting of states Parties to the TPNW