



Petition to all states: Join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons as soon as possible



What is Mayors for Peace?

In August 1945, two single atomic bombs dropped on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki instantly reduced them to rubble. Combined, they took more than 210,000 precious lives by the end of the year. The ardent will of the *hibakusha*—the people who survived this horror—is summed up in their message: “No one else should ever suffer as we have.” To spread this will throughout the world and to ensure their message will be passed on to future generations, Hiroshima and Nagasaki remain steadfast in their assertion that nuclear weapons are inhumane, and ceaselessly call for their abolition.

Mayors for Peace was founded in June 1982, following a proposal by the Mayor of Hiroshima at the time, so that cities around the world could unite across national borders in solidarity to raise global public awareness of the importance of nuclear weapons abolition. As of August 1, 2022, our membership stands at 8,200 cities in 166 countries and regions. Collaborating with our member cities, their citizens, and other NGOs, we promote various initiatives aimed at the abolition of nuclear weapons.



Promoting the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

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However, in order to realize a world without nuclear weapons, it is essential for the treaty to become a fully effective legal instrument. For this we need the nuclear-armed states and their allies to take part in discussions, attend meetings of States Parties and sign the treaty, and an overall increased number of states parties to the treaty.

Through this petition drive, we intend to spread among the people of the world the belief that nuclear weapons are an absolute evil to be eradicated from the world. Through this, we will create pressure for policy change and for all states to join the treaty as soon as possible.

As of August 1, 2022, approximately 3.16 million signatures have been collected through this petition drive and the previous campaign Mayors for Peace launched in December 2010, which called for the start of negotiations on a nuclear weapons convention.



Mayors for Peace

President City: Hiroshima

Vice President Cities: Nagasaki and 13 cities around the world

Executive Cities: 12 cities around the world



Petition Form

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**We, the undersigned, call on all states to join
the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons as soon as possible.**

No.	Name	Address

- * The collected signatures will be presented to affiliates of the UN by Mayors for Peace.
- * Please send this form to the below office by post, fax, or email.
- * Feel free to submit the form with fewer than 10 signatures. If you have more than 10, please make copies of this sheet.
- * The personal information you provide here will not be used for any purpose other than for the stated purpose of the petition.



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