



Mayors for Peace Update **Abolition 2000 Annual General Meeting June 19, 2021**

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Mayors for Peace was established in 1982, during the UN Second Special Session on Disarmament, by the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Supported by civil society, including many Abolition 2000 member groups, Mayors for Peace membership has grown from 554 cities in 107 countries in October 2003 to 8031 cities in 165 countries, and we are working to reach 10,000 member cities. Please help us reach this goal!

Mayors for Peace has three key goals: “realization of a world without nuclear weapons;” “realization of safe and resilient cities,” and the promotion of a culture of peace. Together, Mayors for Peace seeks to deepen our shared awareness of belonging to one human family. Such progress is essential as the world recovers from the pandemic.

Mayors for Peace works closely with national and international municipal associations. At its annual meeting, held virtually due to the pandemic, on June 31, 2020, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the non-partisan association of cities with populations over 30,000, adopted a resolution sponsored by Mayors for Peace members, “[Calling for Human-Centered Security in a Time of Global Pandemic](#).”

Mayors for Peace regularly issues statements and open letters. On October 25, 2020, Mayors for Peace issued an [Open Letter On the Occasion of the 50th Ratification of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons](#), welcoming “the momentous occasion of the number of states ratifying the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) reaching fifty, ensuring its entry into force in ninety days.”

On November 20, 2020, Mayors for Peace issued a [Letter of Request to the Japanese Government Calling for the Promotion of Actions to Abolish Nuclear Weapons \(in Japanese\)](#).

On January 17, 2021, Mayors for Peace issued a [Letter of Protest against a Subcritical Nuclear Test by the U.S.](#)

On March 18, 2021, Mayors for Peace President, Mayor Kazumi Matsui of Hiroshima, issued a [Comment regarding the publication of the UK’s Integrated Review of Security, Defense, Development and Foreign Policy](#), in which he “strongly call[s] on the UK government to fully

understand that nuclear deterrence policy is utterly senseless, given the inhumanity of these weapons, and to commit to the realization of a world without them.”

In 2021, Mayors for Peace welcomed Mr. Thomas Hajnoczi, former Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations Office at Geneva, as its newest Executive Advisor.

[On June 10, 2021, the first Board Meeting of the new European Chapter of Mayors for Peace took place virtually](#), officially launching the Chapter and its regional work plan for the coming years. It was attended by a large number of Mayors, cities officials, and representatives of local governments. The 9th Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace approved a proposal by the European Executive Cities to develop the Chapter in November 2019.

Mayors for Peace offers a number of initiatives to its member cities. These include a [Children’s Art Competition](#), an [Atomic Bomb Survivor Tree \(Hibaku Tree\) Program](#), a [petition drive calling on all states to join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons as soon as possible](#), and a [Mayors for Peace A-bomb Poster Exhibition](#) (partial list).

Mayors for Peace plans to high-level delegations to the first meeting of the States Parties to the TPNW, tentatively scheduled for January 2022 in Vienna, as well as the 5-year Review of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty, originally scheduled for April-May 2020, but postponed due to the pandemic (still to be rescheduled).

Mayors for Peace will hold its 10th Executive Conference (virtually) on July 7, where it is expected to adopt a new Vision Statement and Action Plan for 2021 – 2025. Its 10th General Conference, which has been postponed for two years due to the pandemic is now rescheduled for August 2022, the organization’s 40th anniversary, in Hiroshima.