Mayors for Peace, founded in 1982 by the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, is working for a world without nuclear weapons, safe and resilient cities, and a culture of peace. As of February 1, 2024, Mayors for Peace membership has reached 8,363 cities in 166 countries and territories. Since the last Abolition 2000 AGM, Mayors for Peace delegations, led by the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, have taken part in the 10th Review Conference of the NPT in New York, the 1st PrepCom for the 11th Review Conference of the NPT in Vienna, and the Second Meeting of States Parties to the TPNW in New York. Mayors for Peace held exhibits documenting the horrors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the Mayors for Hiroshima and Nagasaki made official presentations, and the delegation met with UN and government officials. Mayors for Peace also hosted side events featuring the voices of international youth.

The European Chapter of Mayors for Peace has 3352 cities (even more than in Asia) in 41 countries, with a number of very active cities. In line with the Mayors for Peace goal of promoting safe and resilient cities, on the occasion of the International Day of Peace, in September 2023, the European Chapter, with the International Network on Explosive Weapons, held a webinar: “Protecting Civilians in Cities from Explosive Weapons.” Read a summary [here](#). Watch the video recording [here](#).

In the United States, the prestigious U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM), the nonpartisan association of 1,408 American cities with populations over 30,000, has unanimously adopted bold resolutions submitted by U.S. members of Mayors for Peace for 18 consecutive years. The Mayors for Peace resolution adopted by the 2023 USCM annual meeting is titled, “Calling for Urgent Action to Avoid Nuclear War, Resolve the Ukraine Conflict, Lower Tensions with China, and Redirect Military Spending to Meet Human Needs.”

On February 28, 2024, Mayors for Peace will host a peace education webinar to provide an opportunity for young leaders involved in peace activities to share information and exchange opinions. This initiative aims to stimulate youth-led peace activities in member cities. Register [here](#) by February 26. In July, Mayors for Peace is planning to send a delegation to the 2nd PrepCom for the 11th Review Conference of the NPT in Geneva.

Help Mayors for Peace reach its goal of 10,000 members! Find out if your mayor is a member. Recruitment materials including a letter of invitation from Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi, Matsui, the President of Mayors for Peace, information about how to register, and examples of member cities activities is available [here](#) – in many languages. A Mayors for Peace Action Toolkit for activists in the U.S. is also available.

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