

## Mayors for Peace Network and Conference

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### City of Edinburgh Council

30 June 2005

#### Purpose of report

- 1 To consider the decision of the Executive of 21 June 2005 on the Mayors for Peace Network.

#### Main report

- 2 At its meeting on 21 June 2005 the Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate Services on an invitation to the Council to join the Mayors for Peace Network. The Council was also invited to be represented at the Network's annual conference and/or endorse the Network statement on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.
- 3 The Executive agreed to delegate to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, decisions on:
  - (a) whether the Council should become members of the Mayors of the Peace Network;
  - (b) attendance at the Network's 6<sup>th</sup> General Conference to be held in Hiroshima in August 2005; and
  - (c) whether the Council should sign the statement detailed in Appendix 1 to the report by the Director of Corporate Services.
- 4 The Executive's decision has been called in to the Council in terms of Standing Order 58. The lead signatory is Councillor Whyte.

#### Recommendations

- 5 That the Council consider the Executive's decision.

  
John Sturt  
Council Secretary

27.06.05

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<b>Appendices</b>	Report no E/80/05-06/F by the Director of Corporate Services
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<b>Wards affected</b>	City Wide
<b>Background Papers</b>	Minute of the Executive of 21 June 2005

## Mayors for Peace Network and Conference

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### Executive of the Council

21 June 2005

#### Purpose of report

- 1 The Lord Provost has been invited to attend the 6<sup>th</sup> General Conference of Mayors for Peace from 6 to 9 August 2005 in Hiroshima, Japan. The Council has also been requested to consider joining the Mayors for Peace Network. This report invites the Executive to consider whether it wishes to join the network, be represented at the annual conference and/or endorse the Network's statement on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

#### Main report

- 2 The Mayors for Peace network is designed to build solidarity and facilitate co-ordination amongst cities supporting the abolition of nuclear weapons. It is also formally committed to pursuing lasting world peace by working to address starvation, poverty, refugee welfare, human rights abuses, environmental destruction and other problems that threaten peaceful co-existence. Although established in 1984, the last 6 years have brought more active lobbying by the network and membership has grown considerably.
- 3 Membership involves no annual fee or financial obligation. At present, membership comprises 912 cities in 110 countries and regions worldwide. The Presidency of the Network is held by the Mayor of Hiroshima. The UK Working Group is based in Manchester, and is chaired by a member of the London Assembly.
- 4 The Network's most recent focus has been the UN's review of the 1970 Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT), which included a delegation of Mayors attending UN meetings in New York this May. The Lord Provost has received a request from the President of the network to endorse a statement on this issue (Appendix 1).
- 5 The Network has designated the period from 6 August 2004 to 9 August 2005 'Year of Remembrance and Action for a Nuclear Weapon Free World' and, given the NPT Review Conference, has initiated a campaign demanding the total elimination of nuclear weapons by the year 2020.

- 6 The 6<sup>th</sup> General Conference will evaluate the results of the NPT Review Conference and discuss the future role of the network. A programme is attached (Appendix 2).
- 7 There is a UK members' meeting on 15 June in London, which may offer an opportunity for an elected member representative to explore the issue and feedback to the Council on the network.

### Financial Implications

- 8 There is no fee or financial obligation attached to membership of the Mayors for Peace network. The cost to the Council of attending the 6<sup>th</sup> General Conference in Hiroshima is estimated at £1,350, (£1,000 travel, £50 conference fee, £300 accommodation) depending on specific travel arrangements. This can be met from existing budgets.

### Recommendations

- 9 It is recommended that the Executive considers:
  - (i) whether it wishes the Council to become a member of the Mayors for Peace network;
  - (ii) whether it wishes to be represented at the network's 6<sup>th</sup> General Conference in Hiroshima in August 2005 and the UK members' meeting in London on 15 June;
  - (iii) whether it wishes to sign the statement detailed in Appendix 1.

  
**Jim Inch**  
 Director of Corporate Services

10/06/05

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<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1 Statement and Signatories Appendix 2 Conference invitation and programme
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<b>Wards affected</b>	All
<b>Background Papers</b>	File held in External Relations Unit Mayors for Peace website <a href="http://www.pcf.city.hiroshima.jp/mayors/english/index.html">www.pcf.city.hiroshima.jp/mayors/english/index.html</a>

## Appendix 1

## E-mail sent to the Lord Provost on 19 May 2005

Dear Mayor

- >
- > On May 4 mayors and parliamentarians met at the 2005 Non Proliferation
- > Treaty Review Conference and finalized a joint statement on the NPT.
- > Below is a copy of the statement. We invite your endorsement if you have
- > not already done so.
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- > The statement will be released to media at the United Nations on May 23
- > during the final week of the NPT Conference.
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- > If you kindly endorse this statement,
- > Please reply to [alvn@pnnd.org](mailto:alvn@pnnd.org)
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- > Yours truly,
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- > Tadatoshi Akiba
- > Mayor of Hiroshima
- > President of Mayors for Peace
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- > Mayors and parliamentarians cooperate for a nuclear weapons free world:
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- > The following statement was released by mayors and members of
- > parliaments and congresses, meeting in conjunction with the 7th Review
- > Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,
- > and has been endorsed by the mayors and national legislators listed
- > below:
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- > Statement
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- > As mayors and legislators we have a role to protect the security of
- > citizens living within our jurisdictions and to protect our localities
- > for future generations.
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- > Such security is not advanced when there remain 30,000 nuclear weapons,
- > many of which are deployed and ready for use at short notice. The risk
- > of nuclear weapons use - by accident, design or miscalculation ? is
- > increasing due to the proliferation of nuclear weapons to new States,
- > the possibility of non-State access to nuclear weapons and bomb-building
- > materials, and the expanded nuclear weapons use doctrines of the nuclear
- > weapon States.
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- > Regardless of where nuclear weapons are targeted or detonated, or
- > whether they are used by terrorist organisations or State militaries,
- > no-one would escape the calamitous consequences of a nuclear attack.
- > Even cities that are not the direct brunt of an attack would feel the
- > global economic, social and medical repercussions, which would dwarf
- > those of 9/11. Any nuclear weapons use would cause unimaginable
- > devastation requiring massive aid, global effects from nuclear fall-out
- > and a rise in refugees seeking to escape the most contaminated regions.
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- > The only way to prevent nuclear weapons use is to eliminate all nuclear
- > weapons as mandated by Article VI of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)
- > and the 1996 International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion on the
- > Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons. Mayors for Peace have
- > provided a vision for the achievement of a nuclear weapons free world by

> 2020.

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> Therefore, we the undersigned mayors and parliamentarians, call for the  
> commencement of negotiations which would culminate in the comprehensive  
> abolition and elimination of nuclear weapons and the international  
> control of nuclear materials to prevent clandestine bomb-making.

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> If a small number of States continue to prevent such negotiations being  
> initiated at the Conference on Disarmament and also at the NPT Review  
> Conferences, then governments should be encouraged to find an  
> alternative track to nuclear disarmament as was done with the Landmines  
> Convention.

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> The overwhelming majority of citizens in our cities, countries and  
> around the world support the abolition of these ultimate weapons of mass  
> destruction, and we mayors and legislators have a responsibility to use  
> our authority to ensure the implementation of this imperative.

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> Endorsers:

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> Tadatoshi Akiba, Mayor of Hiroshima, Japan  
> Senator Patrick Vankrunkelsven, Belgium  
> Ingrid Pira, Mayor (Belgium)  
> Bruno de Lille, Deputy Mayor (Belgium)  
> Jenny Jones (Representing the Mayor of London)  
> Antonelle Friestein (Representing the Mayor of Viorglio, Italy)  
> Rep Dennis Kucinich (USA)  
> Matt Robson MP (New Zealand)  
> Chris Balance MSP (Scotland)  
> Senator Abacca Anjain-Madisson (Marshall Islands)  
> Jean Lambert, Member of the European Parliament  
> Warren Snowdon MP (Australia)  
> Bill Siksay MP, Canada  
> Senator Leo Platvoet, Netherlands  
> Roel Deseyn, MP, Belgium  
> Raphael Chogeni MP, Tanzania  
> Senator Bob Brown, Australia  
> Senator Kerry Nettle, Australia  
> Keith Locke MP, Aotearoa-New Zealand  
> Hon Nick Smith MP, New Zealand  
> Dcb Foskey MP, Australia  
> Hallgeir Langeland MP, Norway  
> Claes Roxbergh MP, Sweden  
> Ian Cohen MP, Australia  
> Senator Lyn Allison, Australia  
> Caroline Lucas, Member of the European Parliament  
> Luisa Morgantini, Member of European Parliament  
> Dee Margetts MP, Australia  
> Raffaele Cortesi, Mayor of Lugo (Ra) Italy  
> Lynn MacLaren MP, Australia  
> Senator Pierre Galand, Belgium  
> Dr. Charles Yaw Brempong-Yeboah, MP, Ghana  
> Brian Masse MP, Canada  
> Tim Barnett MP, New Zealand  
> Sergey Kolcsnikov MP, Russia  
> Satoshi Inoue MP, Japan  
> Eloi Gloricux MP, Belgium  
> Libby Davies MP, Canada  
> Angelika Beer, Member of the European Parliament  
> Koen T'Sijen, MP, Belgium



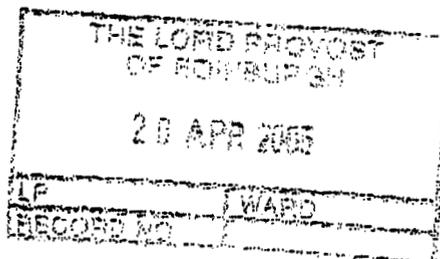
Appendix 2



# Mayors for Peace

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Special Committee for the 50th Anniversary of the San Francisco Peace Conference of the United Nations

April 15, 2005



To member mayors

## Invitation to the 6<sup>th</sup> General Conference of Mayors for Peace Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Atomic Bombings

Dear Mayor,

I trust this letter finds you well.

Thank you for your ongoing valuable support for Mayors for Peace activities.

This year is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the atomic bombing in Hiroshima. Mayors for Peace has designated the one-year period from August 5 last year to August 9 this year as a Year of Remembrance and Action for a Nuclear Weapon Free World, and pledged to make every effort to make the year 2005 a year of hope burgeoning toward the elimination of nuclear weapons.

In May this year, NPT Review Conference will be held at the UN Headquarters in New York. Mayors for Peace has initiated an Emergency Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons demanding that the NPT Review Conference mandate the start of negotiations toward a nuclear weapon convention with the goal of total elimination of nuclear weapons by the year 2020. As 2005 is a critical year for these efforts, international public demand to abolish nuclear weapons must be vociferous. We need to strengthen cooperation among cities to raise public consciousness worldwide for a peaceful society.

In this context, Mayors for Peace will hold its 6<sup>th</sup> General Conference in Hiroshima from August 4 to 6 commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the atomic bombing. We will evaluate the results of the NPT Review Conference and discuss the role of Mayors for Peace in the elimination of nuclear weapons. You are invited to participate in the General Conference to discuss with us what cities can do to eliminate nuclear weapons and establish lasting world peace. We will also welcome participation of a deputy if you are unable to attend.

Please confirm your participation by returning the enclosed Attendance Form to the Secretariat by May 18, 2005 by fax or e-mail. You can also download the form from the Mayors for Peace website at: <http://www.pcf.city.hiroshima.jp/mayors/english/index.html>

I close with best wishes for your continued good health and the sound development of your city.

Sincerely,



Tadatoshi Akiba  
President,  
Mayors for Peace  
Mayor of Hiroshima

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The 6th General Conference of Mayors for Peace  
Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Atomic Bombings  
Program



Date: August 4 (Thur.) to August 6 (Sat.), 2005

Venue: Hiroshima International Conference Center

**An Invitation to the 6th General Conference of Mayors for Peace  
Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Atomic Bombings**

Mayors for Peace is an international non-governmental organization (NGO) recognized under the United Nations Charter. As of April 8, 2005, it comprises 912 cities from 110 countries and territories that support the "Program to Promote the Solidarity of Cities Toward the Total Abolition of Nuclear Weapons" proposed by the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in June 1982 at the Second UN Special Session on Disarmament.

Mayors for Peace seeks to build solidarity and cooperation among cities and contribute to world peace primarily by raising global public consciousness regarding the abolition of nuclear weapons. It also seeks to address collectively the many problems that threaten peaceful coexistence, including hunger, poverty, human rights abuses, local conflict, and environmental destruction.

This August we will mark the 60th anniversary of the atomic bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In May, the Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held at UN Headquarters in New York. The world will be watching to see whether we regain momentum toward nuclear disarmament or deepen the current crisis threatening collapse of the NPT itself.

Mayors for Peace has initiated an emergency campaign to ban nuclear weapons calling for total elimination of nuclear weapons by the year 2020, and we are demanding that this NPT Review Conference mandate resumption of negotiations toward a universal Nuclear Weapons Convention. At the 6<sup>th</sup> General Conference of Mayors for Peace, we will evaluate the results of the NPT Review Conference and discuss the role Mayors for Peace can play in promoting the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Friends, please visit Hiroshima. Please learn more about what happened in Hiroshima 60 years ago. Listen to our A-bomb survivors and deepen your understanding of nuclear weapons as an absolute evil that must never be used again. Above all, please join our campaign and help to rid the world of this unnecessary and intolerable threat. I fervently hope that hundreds of cities around the world will participate in this conference, help to establish the goals and strategies that will guide Mayors for Peace as it intensifies its campaign, then work wholeheartedly to strengthen the solidarity among cities and build a lasting world peace.

I look forward to seeing you in Hiroshima.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Tadatoshi Akiba  
President  
Mayors for Peace  
Mayor of Hiroshima

**■ Outline****Name:**

The 5<sup>th</sup> General Conference of Mayors for Peace  
Commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Atomic  
Bombings

**Dates:**

August 4 (Thursday) to August 6 (Saturday), 2005

**Venue:**

Hiroshima International Conference Center,  
Hiroshima City

**Sponsored by:**

Mayors for Peace, The City of Hiroshima

**Eligible participants:**

Representatives from local governments, national  
governments and NGOs from Japan and the world

**Conference Languages:**

English, French and Japanese (simultaneous  
interpretation)

**Keynote Theme:**

What Cities Can Do to Abolish Nuclear Weapons –  
toward a nuclear weapon-free world by 2020.

**Conference Themes:****Plenary Session I**

Current Status and Prospects for Nuclear Abolition –  
evaluating the 2005 NPT Review Conference

**Plenary Session II**

Next Steps for Mayors for Peace – what mayors and  
citizens can do to abolish nuclear weapons

**Plenary Session III**

The Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

**Section Meeting I**

International Cooperation for the Abolition of  
Nuclear Weapons – partnership with NGOs and  
national governments

**Section Meeting II**

Peaceful Resolution of Conflicts and the Atomic  
Bomb Survivor's Message

\* Please note that representatives from national  
governments and NGOs are eligible to speak only  
at Section Meeting I. National and NGO  
representatives may participate in other sessions/  
as observers.

Sharing of expenses:

- Sponsor expenses
- City/Municipality representatives:
- Meals and lodging during the Conference  
(However, participants and interpreters hired by participants will pay a portion of their lodgings)
- \*Government and NGO representatives are asked to bear the full cost of their lodging and meals.

## • Participants expenses

- City/Municipality representatives
- 1) Transportation to Hiroshima
- 2) Conference fees  
¥10,000 per person (Does not apply to interpreters hired by participants.)
- 3) Lodging co-payment  
We ask that participants pay a portion of their lodging expense. These expenses differ according to hotel class. Please see the attached Attendance Form for details.
- 4) Sightseeing program fees (OPTIONAL To be determined)

## Government and NGO representatives

- 1) Transportation to Hiroshima
- 2) Conference fees  
¥5,000 per person (Does not apply to interpreters hired by participants.)
- 3) Lodging
- 4) Meals
- 5) Sightseeing program fees (OPTIONAL To be determined)

## ☐ Schedule

August 4 (Thu.)

- AM: Registration, Executive meeting
- PM: Opening Ceremony, General Conference, Plenary Session I, Tour Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, Welcome Reception

August 5 (Fri.)

- AM: Plenary Session II
- PM: Section Meetings I and II
- Evening: Exchange with Hiroshima residents

August 6 (Sat.)

- AM: Attend Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony.
- PM: A-bomb Survivor Testimony, Plenary Session III, Closing Ceremony, Farewell Party, Tour of Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park

August 7 (Sun.)

- Whole day: Sightseeing program organized by civil society.

Information in this program is subject to change.



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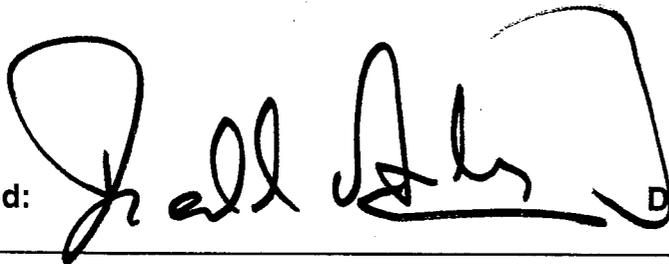
**Agenda item:**

**Report title:** MAYORS FOR PEACE NETWORK AND CONFERENCE

In accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, the contents of this report have been noted by the appropriate Executive Member.

Without prejudice to the integrity of the report, and the recommendations contained within it, the Executive Member expresses his/her own views as follows:

Signed:



Date: 13/4/15.

**For information** – Standing Order 57(1) states:

“Heads of Department will prepare reports, with professional advice and recommendations, on matters requiring decisions by the Executive:

- a report seeking decisions on matters of corporate strategy, corporate policy and corporate projects will be submitted direct to the Executive
- a report seeking decisions on matters relating to the special responsibilities allocated to an individual member of the Executive will be submitted, in the first instance, to that member. The member will add his or her own recommendation to it before submission to the Executive. Where the Executive member disagrees with the advice and the recommendation of the officers, the Executive member will also state his or her reasons.”