



Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign vzw

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Sample City Council Resolution to Support Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign

WHEREAS the past decade has seen no sign of the “good faith negotiations” for the total elimination of nuclear arsenals, as promised for forty years under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT, 1970) and reinforced by unanimous advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice in 1996;

WHEREAS the 2007 World Congress of United Cities and Local Governments endorsed “the Mayors for Peace campaign, which lobbies the international community to renounce weapons of mass destruction”;

WHEREAS chemical and biological weapons have been outlawed under the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Biological Weapons Convention;

WHEREAS there exists no technical or economic obstacle to the elimination of all nuclear weapons by the year 2020, thus, cities and human civilization should be held at risk of nuclear destruction no longer;

WHEREAS the use of even a small nuclear weapon could destroy a city, killing up to one million people, disable a mega port or destroy a nuclear power plant, thereby severely disrupting the global economy, and a nuclear exchange of as few as 10 nuclear explosions could plunge the world into ten years of cold and famine resulting in a billion deaths;

WHEREAS it is vital to rapidly create a political climate that delegitimizes, outlaws and otherwise works against the use of nuclear weapons;

WHEREAS UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon issued a Five-Point Plan for complete nuclear disarmament; openly supports the essential role of the Mayors for Peace Cities are Not Targets and 2020 Vision Campaign; and calls for action in a time-frame that will allow at least a few *hibakusha* (survivors of the 1945 A-bombs) to see the end of all nuclear weapons;

WHEREAS Article 26 of the United Nations Charter calls for the regulation of armaments to ensure the least diversion of human and economic resources from global needs; the financial crisis of 2008 led the UN Security Council to urge appropriate levels of spending to achieve the Millennium Development Goals; and yet global military expenditures continue to rise dramatically while funds to meet the urgent needs of local governments and their citizens are under increasing pressure;

AND FINALLY, WHEREAS the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki have since 2003 been leading an emergency campaign to ban nuclear weapons but cannot afford to support the entire global campaign on their own;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that _____ (name of local government) openly declares its support for the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign to eliminate all nuclear weapons

by the year 2020;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that our local government will help promote a motion in support of the immediate commencement of negotiations for the establishment of a nuclear weapon free world by 2020 within our National, (Regional and International) Associations of Local Governments; that our local government will call upon its national (and regional) government and national (and regional) parliament to ensure that our country provides leadership for the earliest start of negotiations for the establishment of a nuclear weapon free world by 2020 ; and pledges its full support for such leadership;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as concrete manifestation of said support, this city (or other local government) shall contribute financially to the global campaign in solidarity with the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The symbolic contribution of our local government will be equivalent to _____ Euro, an amount calculated in accordance with a system that takes into account the population of our city and the Gross National Income of our country. This amount will be contributed annually on _____ (date) until the total elimination of all nuclear weapons, subject to annual review of the campaign and this city's commitment to it.

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(Name, position and signature)

Note:

Copies of this resolution should be sent to the President of Mayors for Peace and the Chair of the Board of Directors of Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign

Send resolution to:

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Mayor Luc Dehaene, Chair Board of Directors Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign, City Hall, Grote Markt 34, 8900 Ypres, BELGIUM E-mail: <2020visioncampaign@ieper.be>

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