



Mayors for Peace

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To the Honorable Mayor
Mayors for Peace Member City

Dear Mayor,

Let me begin by thanking you for your ongoing support for Mayors for Peace.

As I have informed you in my previous letters, Mayors for Peace postponed its 10th General Conference, originally planned to be held in 2020, twice due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and has been making arrangements to hold it on Thursday, 4th and Friday, 5th of August this year. Amid such circumstances, it has just been announced recently that the NPT Review Conference will also be held at UN Headquarters in New York in August this year. To date, the Mayors for Peace delegation has attended every NPT Review Conference—an indispensable conference for the NPT States Parties, including nuclear-weapons states and their allies, to address and advance nuclear disarmament.

After careful consideration on how we could enhance our outreach activities by the Mayors for Peace delegation at the Review Conference, we have come to the conclusion that it would be difficult for us to hold the 10th General Conference during the Review Conference. As it would also be meaningful to hold the General Conference after taking into account the results of the Review Conference, we have decided to postpone the General Conference and to hold it from the afternoon of Wednesday, 19th to Thursday, 20th of October this year in Hiroshima.

We apologize for the sudden change of schedule, which is our effort to maximize the outcomes of our activities at both the NPT Review Conference and the General Conference. Your kind understanding would be genuinely appreciated.

Given the current circumstances with the pandemic, we expect that it would still be difficult to have participants from overseas travel to Hiroshima to attend the General Conference in October. To have as many attendees as possible for this conference, which will commemorate the 40th anniversary of the establishment of Mayors for Peace, we plan to convene it as a “hybrid” conference, allowing both in-person and online participation. We look forward to your city’s participation.

Sincerely yours,

MATSUI Kazumi
Mayor of Hiroshima
President of Mayors for Peace