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UN Headquarters, New York, USA, March 24th, 2011 - A permanent exhibit displaying more than one million signatures on the Mayors For Peace 'Cities Are Not Targets!' petition was inaugurated with a ceremony featuring Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Japanese atomic bomb survivors. (Credit: United Nations)

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Dear Members, Colleagues and Friends,

For Japan, 2011 was an unforgettable year of tragedy. The earthquake and tsunami of March 11th destroyed cities, towns and villages along 500 kilometers of the northeastern coast. The subsequent meltdowns at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant were still emitting radiation at the year’s end. Japan will certainly rise stronger and wiser from this calamity, but recovery will be an ordeal. The worldwide network of Mayors for Peace will continue to offer prayers, sympathies, and whatever material assistance we can to those struggling to recover in the affected areas.

For Mayors for Peace, 2011 has been a year of transition. In January, we learned that Mayor Akiba, our leader for twelve years, would not be running in the mayoral election scheduled for April. This announcement took the city of Hiroshima and the entire Mayors for Peace team by surprise, but our campaign continued.

In March, three A-bomb survivors from Hiroshima, our North American Coordinator Jackie Cabasso, and our New York Representative Tony Seaboyer went to UN Headquarters in New York to meet with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and attend the opening of a permanent exhibition of one million signatures on Mayors for Peace ‘Cities Are Not Targets!’ petitions. We assured the Secretary-General and the disarmament community that, despite our change in leadership and despite Japan’s hardships, we are determined to strive toward a nuclear-weapon-free world.

The elections took place, and on April 10th, we discovered that our new leader would be Kazumi Matsui, a second-generation survivor who lived in Hiroshima until he was 18, when he left for college in Tokyo. After college, he stayed in Tokyo serving for 35 years in the central government. Most of those years were spent in the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Labor, but he also served for three years in London working for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Based on this information, we knew he would bring diplomatic and political expertise, but we did not know what his attitude would be toward Mayors for Peace or what changes lay in store.

We soon discovered that Mayor Matsui is determined to give full support to Mayors for Peace and the 2020 Vision. We passed the 5000 mark on September 16th and made our international announcement on September 21st, the International Day of Peace.

After achieving 5000 members, we turned our full attention to the Mayors for Peace Executive Conference, which was preceded by Board and General meetings of the 2020 Vision Campaign Association. The resulting meetings were remarkably well attended, well organized and productive. For the first time, we had participants from Africa and Latin America. We addressed fundamental management issues, including ways of sharing the financial burden not only of the campaign but also of the organization itself. And, because these questions were too complex to solve in the time available, we agreed to hold a series of interim staff meetings prior to the Campaign Association General Meeting in Vienna, which will coincide with the first preparatory meeting for the 2015 NPT Review Conference.

The theme of the Executive Conference was “from quantity to quality.” Much was made of the 5000-city milestone, but the unanimous consensus of the group was that the time had come to put more energy into communicating with and activating the members we have. To this end, we adopted a proposal from Nagasaki to do A-bomb exhibitions in all 5000 member cities in 2012. In connection with these exhibitions, we intend to collect millions of signatures worldwide on a new petition calling for a nuclear weapons convention. And these activities, along with continued lobbying at the international level, will help us make our 2013 General Conference the largest, highest level, and most important meeting in the history of Mayors for Peace. In fact, our General Conference will lay the groundwork for an unprecedented disarmament summit in Hiroshima in 2015 and the abolition of nuclear weapons in 2020. For details, please see the Executive Conference Resolution on our website.

After the Executive Conference, Mayor Matsui and Nagasaki Mayor Tomihisa Taue traveled to Geneva for the opening of a new permanent A-bomb exhibition in UN Headquarters. Mayors for Peace is featured prominently in that exhibition. We now have a significant permanent presence in both Geneva and New York, and will continue to develop relationships with our many friends and allies in and around the United Nations.

Mayors for Peace has passed through a vital rite of passage. The Mayors for Peace team met for three days with our new leader. Mayor Matsui brings with him the potential for close cooperation with the Hiroshima Prefecture and the Japanese national government. We are all determined to use his contacts and experience to raise our game to the next level. The time has come to involve nations, specifically the Japanese nation, in the quest for a nuclear weapons convention. We hope that you will all be looking forward to the General Conference in 2013, the summit meeting in 2015, but more than that, we hope you will do everything in your power to help these events fulfil their potential.

Aaron Tovish
Secretary

Filip Deheegher
Treasurer

Luc Dehaene
Chair
Granollers, Spain, November 10th 2011 - The participants in the 8th Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace with the Mayors of Fongo Tongo (Cameroon); Halabja (Iraq); Mortsel (Belgium); Hiroshima (Japan); Granollers (Spain); Zemer (Israel); Nagasaki (Japan); Porto Feliz/FNP (Brazil); Frogn (Norway) and representatives from Malakoff/AFCDRP (France); Volgograd (Russia); Manchester/NFLA (UK & Ireland); Biograd na Moru (Croatia); Florencio Varela/FAM (Argentina); Mexico City/AALMAC (Mexico); Bastogne (Belgium); Hannover (Germany) and Mayors for Peace campaign staff. (Credit: Mayors for Peace)

The 2020 Vision Campaign, launched in 2007, is run by a subcommittee of the Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace and has its own international secretariat in Ypres, Belgium.

Cities are involved in the campaign either as executive members (pre-existing, voting members) or associate members (new, non-voting members). The chairman of the board has the authority to appoint associate members, whose membership is then reviewed on an annual basis by the General Meeting. Collectively, executive and associate members are known as ‘leading cities’.

Additionally, the following cities joined the Executive Conference by Mayor Akiba, accepted: Florencio Varela (Argentina), Montes de Oro (Costa Rica), San Borja (Peru), Vitória (Brazil). These additions reflect the growing importance of Latin American participation in the campaign and Mayors for Peace as a whole. Mora’s (Costa Rica) participation in the campaign came to an end in 2011.

Additionally the following cities joined the Executive Conference: Fongo Tongo (Cameroon), Mexico City (Mexico), Montevideo (Uruguay), Montreal (Canada).

Leadership

The General Meeting, which meets once a year, sets the campaign policy and objectives of the campaign. It then passes to the Board of Directors, which meets twice a year, to determine the management of the campaign activities which fall within the guidance of the General Meeting. The International Secretariat in Ypres, Belgium works along with several regional offices around the world to implement the directions of the Board, monitored by the Daily Board, a bi-monthly meeting of the chairman of the Board, the treasurer, the international campaign director and the secretariat manager.
Mayors for Peace (5136 members as of March 1st 2012)

General Conference of Mayors for Peace in Hiroshima or Nagasaki (once every four years)

Executive Conference (once every two years)
Members (all vice-presidents are in bold):
Hiroshima, Nagasaki, Hannover, Akron, Ypres, Malakoff, Manchester, Muntinlupa, Volgograd, Granollers, Biograd Na Moru, Florence, Halabja, Brussels,
Fongo Tongo, Montreal, Mexico City & Montevideo.

General Meeting (once a year)
Executive members: Hiroshima, Nagasaki, Akron, Ypres, Biograd na Moru, Florence, Fongo Tongo, Granollers, Halabja, Hannover, Malakoff, Manchester, Mexico City, Montevideo, Montreal & Volgograd.
Associate Members: Ashkelon, Basel, Bastogne, Fremantle, Frogn, Glasgow, Florencio Varela (FAM), Matagalpa (AMUNIC), Montes de Oro, Rio de Janeiro, San Borja, Vitoria (FNP) & Zemer.

Board of Directors (twice a year)
Members: Kazumi Matsui (Hiroshima), Luc Dehaene (Ypres) Jasminka Bajlo (Biograd na Moru), Sean Morris (Manchester), Paul Schneider (Hannover), Michel Cibot (Malakoff), Khder Kareem (Halabja), Carme Barbany (Granollers), Donald Plusquellic (Akron), Matteo Renzi (Florence), Irena Elinetiskaya (Volgograd), Jean-Paul Nanfack (Fongo Tongo), Ricardo Baptista (Mexico City), Filip Deheeheger (Treasurer, Ypres), Aaron Tovish (Ex-Officio member, Vienna).

Daily Board (every two months)
Members: Luc Dehaene (Ypres), Aaron Tovish (Campaign Director), Filip Deheeheger (Treasurer), Matthias Breyne (Office Director)

HPCF – Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation

Since its founding in 1982, the Secretariat of Mayors for Peace has been housed in the offices of the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation in Peace Memorial Park. The President of the Foundation is the Mayor of Hiroshima Kazumi Matsui; its Chair is Mr. Steve Leeper, former Executive Adviser. Aaron Tovish, Pol Heanna DHuyvetter, and Jackie Cabasso continue to serve as Executive Advisers to the President of the HPCF. Since its establishment by the City of Hiroshima in 1967, the activities of the foundation aim to raise peace consciousness and promote international peace. The Foundation also manages the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, the International Conference Center of Hiroshima, and the Hiroshima City International House. On the picture part of the buildings of the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation located in the Hiroshima Peace Park. (Credit: Mayors for Peace)
Website: www.pcf.city.hiroshima.jp
International Campaigning

2012 UPDATE: Semey, Kazakhstan, March 18th 2012 – Inauguration of the Mayors for Peace monument in Semey by the Kazakh authorities (Governor of Ust-Kamenogorsk Serik Taukebayev and Kazakhstan Ambassador of Belgium Yerik Utembayev) and the Mayors for Peace Delegation. (Mayor Vestby, Mayor Dehaene, Mayor Knez, Jasmina Bajo and Aaron Tovish) The town of Semey was formerly known as Semipalatinsk. The Soviet Union conducted 456 nuclear tests near Semipalatinsk from 1949 until 1989 with little regard for their effect on the local people or environment. The full impact of radiation exposure was hidden for many years by Soviet authorities and has only come to light since the test site closed in 1991. (Credit: Filip Deheegher)

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n a year in which one attains a milestone such as 5000 member cities, all other accomplishments tend to pale in comparison. It was certainly marvelous to be able to announce to all our members and stakeholders on the International Day of Peace that our network now spanned over 5000 cities in more than 150 countries. Nevertheless, there were other important developments which we can also take pride in, not least, having the United Nations produce a video about our organization. This is now on permanent display in the UN General Assembly building in New York, as part of an exhibit of over one million signatures on our ‘Cities Are not Targets!’ petitions.

2011 was an appropriate year to focus on membership growth. Our top leadership was headed for its first transition since the launch of the 2020 Vision Campaign in 2003. After 12 years at the helm of Mayors for Peace, Mayor Tadatoshi Akiba was about to step down; a new Hiroshima mayor, Kazumi Matsui, would be assuming control. Any course corrections or new directions would have to wait until the next Executive Conference, slated for November. With membership near 4400 in June, the Board of Directors decided to welcome the new President by launching a global membership drive to reach 5000. The initial aim was to reach that number in time for the 66th commemoration of the U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima. We were motivated by the hope of giving the new mayor of Hiroshima a chance to announce this achievement in his first Peace Declaration on August 6th.

At the beginning of August, we found ourselves over one hundred short of our goal, but given the help of so many of our new allies in running various excellent initiatives, we decided to press on. Further complicating the situation, there was a loss of members in Greece, due to consolidation of several of our members into unified jurisdictions; just when we thought we were about to reach 5000, in fact, we still had a way to go! So, we designated September 21st, the International Day of Peace, our new target date. And we made it.

Here are a few of the many remarkable highlights of the membership drive:

• IC-Argentina, an organization that services regional municipal meetings, wrote to all of its contacts in Latin America urging them to join. The Argentine Federation of Municipalities also urged its members to join Mayors for Peace. As a result, there was a surge in membership in Argentina and Latin American as a whole.

• The Mayor of Linz, host of Cities’ Day in Austria, included our recruitment material in the conference packet; the Mayor of Klosterneuburg followed up with a letter to several hundred cities, and the Austrian Association of Cities sent out a further reminder to its members.

• The National Front of Prefects (mayors) of Brazil also pitched a call to its members to join; Mayors for Peace staff and 2020 Vision Campaigners were invited to their national meeting and an op-ed was published in one of the main national newspapers.

• In Belgium, the membership drive concentrated on the French-speaking region, as two-thirds of the cities in the Flemish region were already members. Bastogne coordinated the drive and their region’s cities responded handsomely.

• Japan set a national objective of reaching 1000 members by the International Day of Peace and succeeded.
• The United States Conference of Mayors followed through on its annual resolution and wrote to all of its members. The recruitment letter, sent by the Executive Director, Tom Cochran, and signed by 13 U.S. members of Mayors for Peace brought immediate results.

• The Mayor of Rome wrote to members of his own party to increase their representation in Mayors for Peace. An annual bicycle tour between the two NATO bases in Italy where nuclear weapons are deployed was welcomed by member mayors along the way and signed up new members as well.

• For more details and more examples, please see the Activities section.

After a global effort sharply focused on quantity, it was only natural that the Executive Conference, preceded by a Campaign Association General Meeting, redirect its attention to quality. To mark the 5000 milestone, and to provide a concrete action for member cities to take, it was decided to challenge every member city to display a poster exhibit about Hiroshima, Nagasaki and the 2020 Vision Campaign in its city hall. The first exhibitions will be in Vienna in May; one at City Hall, the other at the first meeting of the 2015 NPT Preparatory Committee.

As 2016 will be a year off for the NPT review process, Mayors for Peace advocates instead the convening of a Special Disarmament Conference for governments and NGOs, as well as mayors and parliamentarians. The idea was taken up in New York by Uruguay; in total, four meetings involving over 40 countries were held to discuss the idea. But the initiative stalled, so we switched our diplomatic efforts to focus on the Conference on Disarmament and the General Assembly.

As a means to reach out to Geneva’s diplomatic community, the 2020 Vision Campaign organized a seminar in May on the catastrophic climate change that would result from even a limited nuclear war. Top experts from the United States and Switzerland laid out the cause-and-effect chain, starting with the incineration of a total urban area equivalent to one hundred Hiroshimas and ending with global famine and pandemics claiming, in the course of a decade, a billion victims. In light of these new findings, nuclear deterrence is untenable as a security strategy. The nuclear armed states cannot be allowed to ignore these findings as they have done so far. At this time and throughout the summer, briefings were also held in cooperation with several NGOs on reviving a 2005 Mayors for Peace initiative. The initiative, which aimed to establish subcommittees of the UN General Assembly (GA) to carry out the work which the Conference on Disarmament (CD) had been unable to tackle, was taken up by six countries at the time.

Although it wasn’t pursued further than the initial discussions at the UN, this initiative prompted innovations in Geneva allowing for an agreement to be reached in 2008, establishing a program of work for the CD for the first time since 1999. As in 1999, however, the agreement fell apart the next year. Therefore, in 2011, the time seemed right to return to the original idea of UNGA subcommittees. Austria, Mexico, and Norway tabled a resolution to that effect, but in the end it was a resolution by the Netherlands, South Africa, and Switzerland which was adopted unanimously by the General Assembly. The resolution put the Conference on Disarmament on notice that if its 2012 sessions remain deadlocked, the UNGA will consider alternative forums. Mayors for Peace will monitor this promising line of development throughout 2012.

As the NPT review process gets underway again, we will also be monitoring cooperation among the Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones.
During 2011 Mayors for Peace continued to consolidate its position as the largest international association of local governments based on individual membership. Mayors for Peace is increasingly recognized as the leading international organization devoted to protecting cities from the scourge of war and mass destruction.

As expected, Mayors for Peace reached 5,000 member cities in 2011. This was officially announced on the International Day of Peace, on September 21st 2011. The total number of citizens represented worldwide by Mayors for Peace is now approaching one billion.

On December 1st 2011 the network counted 5,092 members in 152 countries and regions. During 2011 Mayors for Peace welcomed 708 new member cities, the third largest annual growth in the 30 year history of the network after 2010 (+1,106) and 2009 (+860). Due to municipal mergers we lost 18 members resulting in a net growth of 690 new members.

**UPDATE:** As of March 1st, 2012, the Network has 5136 members in 153 countries and regions.

### Making a qualitative shift

Having reached the 5,000 membership milestone, the Executive Conference of the organization decided on November 10th 2011 that it will focus on a shift from quantity to quality. Mayors for Peace wants to focus its human resources on qualitative growth and deepen its relationship with the existing membership by providing better services with a view to greater involvement in 2020 Vision Campaign activities.

An international committee met for the first time in the German city of Hannover from January 23rd-25th, 2012 to develop a proposal for the creation of national and regional structures and strengthening the financial basis of the organization.

### Growth per region in 2011

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### Total amount of cities on 1/03/2012 (UPDATE)

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**New members 2011 per country**

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**Total** 708
NEW:
2020 Vision Ambassadors

On November 8th, 2011 the General Meeting of the 2020 Vision Campaign Association agreed to nominate 2020 Vision Campaign ambassadors. A 2020 Vision ambassador is an advocate for Mayors for Peace who agrees to promote the mission and goals of the organization through his/her talent, fame, or status, especially for the purpose of attracting media attention. This may take the form of public appearances and talks, lobbying with mayors and politicians, fundraising events, etc. The association agreed that the title of 2020 Vision ambassador may be proposed by any city member of Mayors for Peace, in view of the proposed person’s (potential) contribution to world peace through nuclear disarmament. A nomination needs the endorsement of our executive or associate member cities and/or 2020 Vision campaigner(s) in the country where the ambassador resides. Once a formal written proposal is made to the 2020 Vision Campaign Secretariat, it shall be circulated to the Board of Directors of the Association, which decides on its approval. Such decisions can be taken either at a Board meeting or by polling its members. The members of the Association shall be notified of all the designated 2020 Vision ambassadors.

2020 Vision Campaigners

Following a decision of the Board of Directors that recognized and consolidated our relationship with civil society activists, Mayor Luc Dehaene, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign, nominated 24 ‘2020 Vision campaigners’ in 21 countries by the end of 2011.

2020 Vision campaigners are an essential part of our organization. They are facilitating greater involvement of our members in the Campaign, and it is only right that they should be given recognition for this. They work on the ground to promote the 2020 Vision Campaign in their own country. Campaigners are generally individuals who have a background in the peace movement, or previous experience of

Around Europe
2011 – 2020 Vision Campaigners Wolfgang Schlupp-Hauck and his wife Brigitte (on the left) with a German group in Italy during their ‘Global Zero Now’ tandem bicycle tour to talk with local authorities around the world. (Credit: Wolfgang Schlupp-Hauck)
working with local government and elected officials. The 2020 Vision campaigners’ job includes: assisting city members in their country to become active in the campaign, and coordinating their activities with the International Secretariat in Ypres; encouraging more cities to become affiliated with Mayors for Peace; and providing information to the general public about the 2020 Vision Campaign. Those who are interested in becoming a 2020 Vision campaigner should get in touch with the Ypres Secretariat.

The General Meeting of November 8th, 2011 welcomed the important contributions of these volunteers and decided to research and expand the presence of 2020 Vision campaigners in critical countries to advance the campaign. Critical countries are the NWS, their main allies, and countries in NWFZs playing a leading role to facilitate the start of negotiations to establish a nuclear weapon free world. As the number of 2020 Vision campaigners increases, special attention will be needed to train and guide them. The General Meeting also decided to invite the 2020 Vision campaigners to participate in the Board of Directors and General Meeting as observers. They will be informed of these meetings well ahead of time and will be assisted with visa applications. Bearing in mind the very different financial realities individually and regionally, the Association encourages leading member cities to consider financial support for the campaigners, while the Association will also research funding sources to assist with expenses such as transport, accommodation and printing of materials (i.e. flyers, registration forms, business cards).

List of the 24 2020 Vision Campaigners as of December 31st 2011

Asia
Iran: Dr. Shahriar Khateri
Turkey: Samil Yalciner

Africa
Senegal: Amadou Coly Gomis

Europe
Austria: Heidrun Konrad
Germany: Wolfgang Schlupp-Hauck & Xanthe Hall
Greece: Thanasis Anapolitanos
Italy: Lisa Clark
The Netherlands: Benedict Winnubst & Bert Sweerts
Norway: Stine Rodmyr & Ursula Gelis
Sweden: Mieit Krakau
UK: George Farebrother & Peter Burt

Latin America & the Caribbean
Argentina: Micaela Mezzadra
Brazil: Cinthia Heanna
Colombia: Bibiana Angel Gonzalez
Costa Rica: Edine von Herold
Haiti: Franck Simon
Mexico: Jorge Nuñez Alba
Nicaragua: Meybol Damaris
Peru: Lizett Vasquez

North America
USA: Melvin Hardy

Sudden loss of Kafui Attipoe

Mayors for Peace laments the sudden loss of Mr. Kafui Attipoe, who worked devotedly for Mayors for Peace as a 2020 Vision campaigner. Mr. Attipoe passed away after a sudden illness on June 30th, 2011. He helped us tremendously by expanding our activities in Ghana, where he directly introduced 24 of the 33 national member cities to Mayors for Peace.

We express our heartfelt gratitude for all of Kafui Attipoe’s hard work in building a better world.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, September 21st, 2011 – 2020 Vision Campaigner Micaela Mezzadra promotes Mayors for Peace at the information stall offered by IC-Argentina at the Latin American Conference for Citizen Security. (Credit: Mayors for Peace)
2012 Featured Region: Latin America and the Caribbean

As well as stimulating local and national activities, as described in the Activities Report section (pages 16 to 26), development was advanced on a broad front: new agreements were reached with national associations of local governments as well as regional ones; and mayors joining the leadership of Mayors for Peace and of the 2020 Vision Campaign and attending the Executive Conference and General Meeting, while the circle of 2020 Vision Campaigners widened. Let’s look at each of these two areas more closely.

COOPERATION WITH ASSOCIATIONS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

First we need to acknowledge the important regional role of Cinthia Heanna as Assistant Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean and Abigail Cruz as Communications Officer taking responsibility to the Spanish translation of the website and the monthly News Flash.

Regional

UPDATE FLACMA 2012

On March 20th 2012 the Executive Bureau of the Federation of Latin American and Caribbean Cities, Municipalities and Local government associations (FLACMA) approved with unanimity a Mayors for Peace motion calling for the Latin American and Caribbean region to give “high priority and assign resources to involve local governments and civil society with the intention to convene a High Level conference to discuss and identify the ways and methods to eliminate nuclear weapons as soon as possible.”

The FLACMA Executive Bureau members also demands “our governments to recognize at the RIO+20 Conference that disarmament is a condition towards development; and to coordinate a global plan for disarmament with the goal of achieving the commitments of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs); and the necessary funding to satisfy the urgent needs of the local governments and its citizens.”

UPDATE SOUTH AMERICA 2012

On March 22nd, 2012 Mayors for Peace also entered an agreement of co-operation with the Community of South American Associations of Municipalities (COSUDAM) during a panel on “The future of Latin American Municipalism”. The declaration calls UNASUR, the Union of South American Nations, to give priority to the “Special Communiqué on the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons” of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC). The declaration was co-signed and received the support of the representative of the Secretary General of UNASUR.

With these new developments Mayors for Peace continues to further integrate in the region. On December 3rd, 2010 Mayors for Peace had already entered an Agreement with Mercociudades, a network of local governments from the Mercosur region.

Argentina: Associate Member Mayor Julio Pereyra holds the presidency of the Federation of Argentinean Municipalities (FAM) and Federation of Latin American and Caribbean Municipalities and Associations of Local Governments (FLACMA), thus acting as a connection between Mayors for Peace and these two important municipal associations, national and regional. FAM has been instrumental in increasing the presence and activity of Mayors for Peace in both Argentina and Latin America, and the organization welcomed the work of Mr. Juan Matteo, executive director of FAM, to further develop the organization’s links with the Argentinian local governments.

An agreement of cooperation was signed with IC-Argentina, a private consulting firm based in Argentina but working with local governments throughout Latin America as an operational organizer of municipal events. IC-Argentina pledged its support for the 2020 Vision Campaign in its aim to eliminate all nuclear weapons by the year 2020 and has been actively promoting Mayors for Peace activities through

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In raw numbers, the heightened activity in the region is reflected in the membership, namely the largest percentage growth of any region of Mayors for Peace in 2011. Some of the innovated means used for national and regional recruitment drives are covered in the International Campaigning Section. The country-by-country numbers are in the Activities section.

The remarkable progress achieved by Mayors for Peace in Latin America in 2010, continued and intensified in 2011, and indeed continues in 2012. This progress has been stimulated in large part by the work of the regional 2020 Vision Campaign team assembled by International Development Director, Pol Heanna DHuyvetter.

Politically, on December 3rd, 2011, leaders from 33 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean formally established the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), which aims to become a new economic bloc. The leaders issued a joint communiqué for complete nuclear disarmament in which they committed themselves to “work for the convening of a high-level conference to identify ways and methods to eliminate nuclear weapons as soon as possible.” While this is not a direct result of Mayors for Peace’s new Latin American presence, we have been one of several currents in the region encouraging the promulgation of such a new international standard of excellence in the disarmament field.

This important initiative is, of course, strongly welcomed by Mayors for Peace, who will focus on actively encouraging and supporting the Latin American countries in the coming months to effectively follow through on this strong commitment. In the past few years, the organization has maintained an active dialogue with the federal governments of Argentina, Costa Rica, Mexico, Nicaragua and Uruguay, among others, in order to encourage them to make the region a leading force in establishing a nuclear weapon free world.
a monthly Spanish language newsletter sent to over 15,000 contacts in the region. Mayors for Peace were extremely grateful for the generous support of Mr. Ariel Borghi, executive director of IC-Argentina.

**Brazil:** As the newly elected board of the Frente Nacional de Prefeitos (FNP - National Front of Mayors) was welcomed on April 7th, 2011, the association renewed its commitment to working with Mayors for Peace. The partnership with the municipal association, which represents the largest cities in the country and approximately 40% of the Brazilian population, has been a key element in the progress made by Mayors for Peace in 2011.

Since the start of the partnership in April 2010, Mayors for Peace representatives in Brazil have been invited to all of FNP’s general meetings, providing Mayors for Peace with an invaluable opportunity to reach out to national mayors and local authorities. The co-operation of all FNP’s staff, in particular Mr. Gilberto Ferre and the re-elected President João Coser, mayor of Vitória, has been essential in recruiting new members and in raising awareness of the need for nuclear disarmament.

**Colombia:** On May 20th, 2011 Mayors for Peace signed an agreement of co-operation with the Federación Colombiana de Municipios (FCM). FCM commits to support the elimination of all nuclear weapons by 2020, while Mayors for Peace commits to promote the work of the Colombian network of Municipalities for Peace, a network part of the FCM. The agreement was celebrated at the headquarters of the FCM in Bogota. (Credit: Mayors for Peace)

- **Nicaragua:** The only country which has achieved 100% membership to Mayors for Peace. On September 16th, 2011 the General Assembly of AMUNIC (Nicaraguan Association of Local Governments) renewed their support of the 2020 Vision Campaign at an extraordinary session in support of Mayors for Peace. At this extraordinary general meeting, Nicaraguan mayors pledged to actively promote Mayors for Peace through their partnership with the Association of Local Governments in Central America and FLACMA (Federation of Local Governments for Latin America and the Caribbean). The general meeting was organized by AMUNIC during the first visit to Nicaragua of Pol Heanna DHuyvetter, international development director of the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation. Mr. Sadrach Zeledon, mayor of Matagalpa and member of the international leadership of Mayors for Peace, spoke of the full support of all Nicaraguan cities from the scourge of war and mass-destruction. FEMULP declared their support for the 2020 Vision Campaign in its aim of eliminating all nuclear weapons by 2020 and will invite all the Peruvian mayors to formally join Mayors for Peace.

**Peru:** On May 18th, 2011 Mayors for Peace signed an agreement of co-operation with the Federación de Municipios Libres de Perú (FEMULP) during their sixth National Meeting in Lima, Peru. The agreement sets out their intention to work together to free cities from the scourge of war and mass-destruction. FEMULP declared their support for the 2020 Vision Campaign in its aim of eliminating all nuclear weapons by 2020 and will invite all the Peruvian mayors to formally join Mayors for Peace.

**2012 UPDATE: Chile**

On March 21st 2012 the Association of Chilean Municipalities (ACHM) and Mayors for Peace entered an agreement of cooperation during a signing ceremony near the Chilean capital Santiago. The agreement of cooperation with the ACHM is significant as Chile coordinates the position of the 116 member states of Nuclear Weapon Free Zones during the upcoming NPT PrepCom in Vienna. Chile is also holding the Presidency of the new Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) till January 2013.
New Leadership from Cities and Mayors; 2020 Vision Campaigners and Regional Staff

Argentina: Mayors for Peace secured a greater consolidation of its working partnerships in 2011, as the city of Florencio Varela and its mayor, Julio Pereyra, became an associate member of the 2020 Vision Campaign. (see Argentina above). While Mayor Pereyra was not able to travel to Granollers, his substitute, Mr. Marcos Sestapol, international relations officer of FAM, made important contributions to the discussions in November 2011, helping to shape the 2020 Vision Campaign and the future of Mayors for Peace in the region.

In recognition of all the valuable work she has done in her country, Ms. Micaela Mezzadra was appointed as a 2020 vision campaigner.

Brazil: In recognition of the essential support FNP have offered Mayors for Peace, they now assume an active role in the leadership of the 2020 Vision Campaign and have subsequently become one of the leading voices calling for the organization to adhere more closely to southern perspectives on peace and disarmament in Latin America. As part of the first Latin American delegation to the General and Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace in Granollers, Mr. Claudio Maffei, mayor of Porto Feliz, represented FNP as vice-president for security. As a former anti-nuclear weapons activist in the times of the Brazilian military regime, Mayor Maffei is dedicated to campaigning for nuclear disarmament and Mayors for Peace is working closely with him in order to discuss how Brazilian national and local governments can take a greater role in ridding the world of nuclear weapons.

All through 2011 Ms. Cinthia Heanna continued to play a key role for developments in Brazil and the region.

Colombia: Ms. Bibiana Gonzalez was appointed 2020 Vision campaigner for Colombia and Mayors for Peace local specialist for strategic communications. A key contributor in organizing the survey with the Latin American members and stakeholders, Bibiana Gonzales will continue working in the strategic development of the organization and setting of a regional structure.

Costa Rica: On September 17th, Mr. Alvaro Jimenez Cruz, mayor of Montes de Oro and former president of the Association of Mayors of Costa Rica accepted the invitation to join the leadership of Mayors for Peace through associative membership. In recognition of the important contributions Dr. Edine von Herold (former Senator) has made to the organization and the nuclear disarmament field as a whole, she was named as a 2020 Vision campaigner for Costa Rica, reinforcing our presence in the country.

Mexico: In July 2011, Mexico City was made an executive city, becoming the first Latin American member to be integrated into the highest sphere of decision making in Mayors for Peace.

Mr. Jorge Nunez was appointed as 2020 vision campaigner for Mexico in April 2011, in recognition of the valuable support he has given the organization. Together with Ms. Abigail Cruz, communications officer for Latin America, this solid team continues essential work to develop the 2020 Vision Campaign in Latin America and the Caribbean. Ms. Abigail Cruz systematic translation into Spanish of the campaign website as well as the monthly News Flash has been essential to improve communication with members in the region.

Nicaragua: Mr. Sadrach Zeledon, mayor of Matagalpa and President of the Association of Municipalities of Nicaragua (AMUNIC) joined the international leadership of Mayors for Peace in 2010. Ms. Meybol Damaris was named as 2020 Vision campaigner for Nicaragua. She works for the women’s department of the City Hall of Matagalpa and has played an important role in increasing the visibility of Mayors for Peace both within and outside of the country.

Peru: At the end of 2011 Mayors for Peace welcomed Marcos Alvarez Vargas, mayor of San Borja (Peru), who joined the international leadership team of the organization as associate member. In his letter of acceptance, dated November 16th, 2011, Mayor Marcos Vargas stated that: “Our contribution in Peru will be to encourage Peruvian mayors to join the movement, as well as the promotion and active participation in information campaigns in favor of nuclear disarmament and world peace”.

Ms. Lizett Vasquez, 2020 Vision campaigner for Peru since 2010, continued to make important contributions throughout 2011, including the organization of a Hiroshima commemoration.

Uruguay: In November 2011 Uruguay’s capital city, Montevideo, was made an executive city of Mayors for Peace, becoming the second Latin American municipality to join the highest sphere of decision making in the organization.

This second year of remarkable growth
and consolidation in Latin America sets an example for other regions to emulate. It will no doubt be instrumental in ensuring that governmental leadership continues to be provided by Latin America on the international stage.

Mayors for Peace survey in Latin America and the Caribbean: Member cities put fight against poverty as top priority

On November 9th, 2011, the results of a survey conducted with member cities in Latin America and the Caribbean were presented during the Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace in Granollers, Spain.

As a nuclear weapon free region, Latin America perceives such weapons as a distant threat, a view compounded by the fact that, on a daily basis, local governments are faced with other “vital problems for the human race such as starvation and poverty, the plight of refugees, human rights abuses, and environmental degradation”, as mentioned in the first article of the Covenant of Mayors for Peace.

Initiated by the leading cities and staff of Mayors for Peace in the region, the survey was conducted in response to both the dialogue that has developed with local officials and the challenge of introducing the threat of nuclear weapons into local agendas.

Over 100 stakeholders, a large majority of them mayors, shared their views via the survey by answering ten questions. The results of the survey highlight the continuing need to raise awareness of nuclear issues in the region. While 58% of the cities do not believe that their territories would be the target of any nuclear threat, 91% expressed concern about the environmental impact of nuclear war, which emphasizes the sensitivity of the topic and suggests possible future action for the region.

Nevertheless the survey also revealed that social security, delinquency and criminality are the main security concerns for the municipal administrations. As such, participants believe that the priority of Mayors for Peace in the region should be the fight against poverty, one of the root causes of urban violence. Violence against women emerged as the second most proposed topic.

Although the threat of nuclear weapons is considered a distant reality, member cities stated that the issue of nuclear disarmament should be the third priority for the organization, which is indicative of what Mayors for Peace has already accomplished in the region.

According to the results, the creation of a structure of Mayors for Peace in Latin America would be well supported. Two thirds of the respondents expressed willingness to contribute financially to a regional office. Nearly all participants (98%) responded positively in attending a regional conference on local and global security promoted by the organization.
Activities

**AFRICA (243 → 328)**

**Cameroon (65 → 82)**
In November 2011, Mayor of Fongo Tongo, Daniel Tsakem, along with Vice-Mayor Jean-Paul Nanfack, attended the meetings of Mayors for Peace and the 2020 Vision Campaign in Granollers. Their presence highlighted the active participation of a growing number of cities from Nuclear Weapon Free Zones in the activities of Mayors for Peace. This was confirmed with the elections of Daniel Tsakem as vice-president of the General Meeting of the 2020 Vision Campaign and Jean-Paul Nanfack as member of the Board of Directors.

Since then, the Cameroonian delegation has been working on a proposition for a fundraising and peace-awareness-raising football game. This may feature retired members of the Cameroon national team, The Indomitable Lions, led by football legend Roger Milla, challenging retired players from the rest of the world.

**Senegal (30 → 72)**
Mayors for Peace is gaining increasing support across Senegal, with 42 new mayors becoming members in 2011, thanks primarily to the tireless work of our 2020 Vision Campaigner, Amadou Coly Gomis. On February 8th, 2011, he and the International Development Director, Pol Heanna DHuyvetter, attended the ninth Assembly of the Forum of Local Authorities for Social Inclusion and Participatory Democracy (FAL) Network in Dakar, which coincided with the World Social Forum. The fundamental aim of FAL is to turn cities into important actors in the process of globalization.

In its final declaration, the ninth FAL Assembly expressed its unanimous support for Mayors for Peace and its intention to co-operate with us. The document affirmed that: “Thanks to the processes we are developing on decentralized cooperation, local authorities also contribute to a world with more solidarity and promoting a culture of peace. The FAL network and the network of Mayors for Peace affirm their determination to work together to free cities of the scourge of war and mass destruction. Our commitment is to continue to exercise pressure on national governments and influence the international agenda.”

The 2020 Vision Campaign is now preparing for the 6th Summit of African Local Governments that will be held in Dakar from 4th – 8th December, 2012, which will provide a new opportunity to further establish Mayors for Peace in Africa.

**Ghana (12 → 33)**
Ghana stood out last year, with 21 new mayors joining the organization thanks to the exceptional effort of Mr. Kafui Attipoe, a 2020 Vision campaigner who sadly passed away on June 30th, 2011. The President of Mayors for Peace, Mr. Kazumi Matsui, sent a letter of condolence to his family.

**ASIA (1267 → 1524)**

**Iraq (139 → 139)**
In 2011, the Mayors for Peace’s office in Halabja, Vice-President city of Mayors for Peace, has been very active. On March 16th, it took part in the commemoration of the massacre of Halabja, to which a number of high-level regional and international officials were invited. Mayors for Peace in Iraq also marked the 67th anniversary of the Marzabotto massacre in Italy, as well as attending the commemoration of the 1987 chemical weapon attack on the city of Sardasht.

In addition, Mr. Nariman Ali, a representative of the Halabja office, participated in the opening of Tehran Peace Museum, where the Deputy Mayor of Tehran, Mr. Mohammad Hadi Ayyazi, in conjunction with the museum, awarded him a prize.

On August 8th, representatives of Mayors for Peace in Iraq, in cooperation with the Halabja Chemical Attack Victims Organization, attended the second international conference of the Vietnam Association for Victims of Agent Orange (VAVA) and sent a message to the mayor of Hanoi inviting him to join Mayors for Peace.

Thanks to the cooperation and efforts of
Halabja, Iraq, March 16th, 2011 - Commemoration in the cemetery of Halabja of the 1988 Gas Attack, which caused the death of 5,000 people and injured over 10,000 others, most of them civilians. The poison gas attack was a genocidal massacre against the Kurdish people that took place on March 16, 1988. The Halabja attack has been recognized as a separate event from the Anfal Genocide that was also conducted against the Kurdish people by the Iraqi regime under Saddam Hussein. (Credit: City of Halabja/Salah Jameel)

Professor Urbano Stenta, president of the Bambini del Mondo organization (Children of the World) in Rome, the mayors of Halabja and Qaladzya were able to bring two children’s football teams to Italy from 7th – 10th December, where they took part in an international competition. This exchange was a good opportunity for the participants to learn more about the victims of the Halabja gas attack.

As Vice-President of Mayors for Peace, Mr. Khder Kareem gave several interviews with local and international media, in which he spoke about Mayors for Peace, their objectives and their role in the abolition of weapons of mass destruction. In a context of local and regional tension, the Mayors for Peace office in Iraq also issued peace statements.

Iran (21 → 21)

For Mayors for Peace in Iran, 2011 marked the inauguration of the Tehran Peace Museum, home to their new office and base for the 2020 Vision Campaign. The ceremony took place on June 29th: the anniversary of the 1987 gas attack on the Kurdish city of Sardasht. Among the guests were Mr. Maeda, director of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, and other representatives from Hiroshima; survivors of the gas attack in Halabja; and school children as well as various members of Iranian civil society.

In his speech, the Vice-Mayor of Tehran, Mr. Ayyazi, stressed the continuing mayoral support for anti-WMD activities and the goals of Mayors for Peace.

Today, the Tehran Peace Museum hosts peace activities and works to raise public awareness about the impact of nuclear and chemical weapons on health and the environment. As part of a joint project with the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, facilitated by cooperation between the mayors of both cities, the Tehran Peace Museum will also host an A-Bomb exhibition in mid-2012.

Japan (854 → 1085)

In Japan, Mayors for Peace poured considerable energy into recruitment. The Hiroshima-Nagasaki Secretariat sent out recruitment letters three times in 2011, and as a result, recruited 231 new municipalities. By the end of 2011, Mayors for Peace’s total membership in Japan totaled 1,085 members.

In January, the city of Chofu held a peace concert, drawing 300 people to enjoy the beautiful sounds of peace. In February, a peace symposium was held in Hirakata and a charity marathon was conducted in Fujisawa. On the day of the marathon, donations were collected for peace activities and a part of the proceeds were given to the 2020 Vision Campaign.

On March 11th, northeast Japan was struck by a powerful earthquake and devastating tsunami. The double blow destroyed four nuclear power reactors in Fukushima, releasing an enormous amount of radiation. This catastrophe was the defining event of the year across Japan; it has yet to be resolved.

After nationwide mayoral elections in April, Mayor Kazumi Matsui took office as mayor of Hiroshima. In Nagasaki, Mayor Tomihisa Tane won a second term. Thus, Mayors for Peace has a new President, while its first Vice President was re-elected.

In May, Mayor Tane attended the first Gautama Buddha International Peace Award Ceremony. Created by the government of Nepal in 2002, the Gautama Buddha International Peace Award is presented every five years to recognize and honor individuals and institutions around the world that have made a significant contribution to peace and non-violence, as found in the teachings and messages of Lord Buddha.

On August 6th and 9th, peace memorial ceremonies were held as usual in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, with both Mayors delivering their Peace Declarations. Thousands of residents attended the ceremonies but due to
the accident at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant, caused by the earthquake and tsunami in March, the number of the foreign participants was down 50% compared to 2010.

After August, the main focus for the Mayors for Peace Secretariat was the Executive Conference in November in Granollers, Spain. A candid, constructive discussion took place, which successfully provided guidance for the 2020 Vision Campaign. After this Executive Conference, the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Secretariat began preparing for the first ever conference of Japanese Mayors for Peace, which took place in Hiroshima on January 13th and 14th, 2012.

Throughout the year, Mayors for Peace Japan continued collecting signatures to support the petition calling for a nuclear weapons convention. By the end of the year, 284,768 more signatures had been obtained.

**Europe (2111 → 2323)**

**Belgium (355 → 376)**

As from the outset of Mayors for Peace and the 2020 Vision Campaign, Belgium continued to play a leading role within the organization in 2011, with over 60% of all cities and communities signed up with Mayors for Peace. Equally remarkable is the level of contribution that these members make to Mayors for Peace; in 2011 Belgian member cities gave over €35,000. This impressive figure was reached 30,000 thanks to the hard work of the Ypres Secretariat of the 2020 Vision Campaign and the leadership of the cities of Bastogne and Ypres. Mayors for Peace Belgium met in Brussels in April to discuss critical issues such as the continued presence of nuclear weapons in Belgium that comes with its membership of NATO. Mayors for Peace Belgium will continue to play an important part in this debate.

With the help of other peace organizations, Mayors for Peace commemorated the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on the August 6th. Events were held in nine cities across Belgium, including Ghent, Aalst, Mons and Ypres.

Internationally, a delegation from the City of Ypres and Mayors for Peace travelled to Astana, Kazakhstan in 2011, in order to strengthen relations. These bonds will be further reinforced by a European mayoral delegation led by Mayor Dehaene to both Astana and Semey in March 2012.

Like in other countries around the world, 2011 witnessed a membership drive in Belgium. In Wallonia, as a result of the hard work of Bastogne, many mayors joined Mayors for Peace, resulting in 21 new members for Belgium in 2011. Thanks to cross-party membership drives and the endless efforts of many sympathizers, Belgium continues to be a key player in Mayors for Peace.

**Croatia (31)**

Biograd na Moru, executive city of Mayors for Peace, has continued to play a leading role in the organization in Croatia.

Many events were organized in support of Japan after the earthquake and tsunami that hit the country on March 11th, with Zagreb, capital of Croatia and member of Mayors for Peace sending financial aid. On August 6th, the city of Biograd organized and hosted a meeting of the Croatian Mayors for Peace. At the same time a commemoration was held in memory of the victims of the atomic bombs that fell on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Lanterns were lit by each city member and lowered into the sea. Many local inhabitants and foreign tourists gathered around the statue of the peace crane and on the waterfront where the event took place in the presence of the Japanese ambassador. He addressed the participants and told them about the suffering caused by the use of nuclear weapons and their ever present threat to the world.

In November, Biograd na Moru attended the 8th Mayors for Peace Executive Conference in Granollers, Spain. Additionally, Jasminka Bajlo, representative of the Mayor of Biograd na Moru, chaired the meeting of the Board of Directors of the 2020 Vision Campaign. Biograd also took part in the Dialogue for Peace on November 7th, 2011, in the Peace Culture Center of Granollers.

In 2011, Biograd na Moru recruited sister cities from Italy to join Mayors for Peace. The mayor of Biograd, Mr. Ivan Knez, is persistent in his efforts to recruit new city members from Croatia as well as from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**France (133 → 136)**

2011 was a very busy year for Mayors for Peace France, with three new cities joining the organization.

Member cities, deeply moved by the disastrous events that happened in Japan, immediately expressed their support and organized fundraising events for the victims. Emergency funds were transferred through NGOs such as the Red Cross.

The organization also held many awareness-raising activities. In May, Aubagne, AFCDRP (Mayors for Peace France) president-city, hosted Professor Shoji Sawada, hibakusha and nuclear physician, for a series of debates on nuclear energy and disarmament, which received important media coverage and achieved the participation of much of the local population.
In Paris, on June 25th, ICAN France organized a well attended public event on Trocadero Square to mark Nuclear Abolition Day. Mayor of Malakoff, Catherine Margaté attended the event in her role as vice-president of Mayors for Peace.

In September 2011, the Hiroshima Junior Marimba Ensemble, a group of young musicians from Hiroshima, performed concerts in seven member cities (Arradon, Aubagne, Bagnol, Fontaine, Gonfreville l’Orcher, Malakoff and Vaulx-en-Velin). Before and after the concerts, the group met with citizens and pupils of local primary and high schools with whom they were able to talk about Hiroshima, its history and the commitment of their respective cities to nuclear disarmament. Lastly, during the same month, several activities were organized in member cities to commemorate the International Day of Peace and celebrate Mayors for Peace reaching the 5000 members milestone.

On a financial level, French cities contributed €10,000 to the 2020 Vision Campaign in 2011, which will be replicated in 2012. As in previous years, in 2012 Mayors for Peace in France will focus on recruiting new members and raising awareness about nuclear disarmament amongst citizens and mayors. 2012 will be a year of presidential and legislative elections in France, and AFCDRP is currently working on different strategies to bring the issue of nuclear disarmament into the public debate.

**Germany (369 → 385)**

The German 2020 Vision Campaigner Wolfgang Schlupp-Hauck and his wife Brigitte cycled from their home town of Schwäbisch Gmünd across the Alps to the Italian nuclear weapons base of Aviano. On their way, they collected messages from German mayors for peace, which they presented in Aviano to Mayor Del Conte Bernard. From Munich to Vizenca they cycled together with 30 members of the German War Resisters International (DFG-VK) and then joined 70 participants of the Italian ‘Pace in Bici’ (Bike for Peace). Later, they took part in the commemoration of the Nagasaki atomic bombing on August 9th.

Different mayors from their home region indicated that NATO deployment sites would soon be nuclear free, following in the footsteps of Mutlangen, which was formerly a base for nuclear Pershing II missiles. In his message, German parliamentarian Roderich Kiesewetter, who is CDU spokesman and a member of Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (PNND), stated that the Bundestag and German government are continuing to act for the withdrawal of the US weapons from Germany together with their NATO allies. Mayor del Comte Bernard gladly accepted the messages of solidarity.

**Ireland (11 → 12)**

Membership of Mayors for Peace in Ireland has increased in 2011 to 12 member cities. A cross-border initiative to host the Hiroshima-Nagasaki A-bomb exhibition, kindly donated by the Mayor of Nagasaki, was held with Newry and Mourne Council in Northern Ireland and Dundalk Town Council in the Republic of Ireland. The hosting of the exhibition allowed both councils to pass unanimous resolutions to join Mayors for Peace in 2011.

The Republic of Ireland’s government has played a historically important role in the development of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and continues to play a positive role in nuclear disarmament issues at the United Nations. The election of the new Irish President, Michael D Higgins, a former winner of the International Peace Brigade’s Sean McBride Award (which has also been won recently by Mayors for Peace), has been welcomed, and he is being contacted to seek his support for Mayors for Peace in Ireland.

Plans continue to develop membership in...
Ireland throughout 2012 and to foster the strong cross-party political support for a nuclear weapon free world in existence across the island of Ireland.

**Italy (374 → 437)**

In 2011 Italy’s membership grew, with 63 new cities joining Mayors for Peace, bringing the total to 437 members. This established Italy as the country – outside of Japan – with the largest absolute number of membership.

After the election of Mayor Matsui and his pledge to continue the work of Mayor Akiha, Italian members and activists launched a recruitment drive to help reach the goal of 5,000 members worldwide by August 2011. Aided in this by the Local Governments for Peace and Human Rights, a network of over 800 institutions, a broad coalition was established, including Italian PNND members and other NGOs active in the field of peace and disarmament.

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**The Netherlands (53 → 55)**

In July 2011, Mr. Bert Sweerts and Mr. Benedect Winnubst were appointed 2020 Vision campaigners. Throughout the year, they were actively engaged in outreach activities and networking in the Netherlands. After having conducted successful discussions with the Mayor of Bunnik, Hans Martijn Ostendorp in 2010, which led to him becoming a member of Mayors for Peace, they met with him again in 2011 and discussed the most effective way of making the most of this membership at a local level. Together they also planned meetings with Mr. Hans Martijn’s fellow mayors in the province of Utrecht, to discuss the possibility of their joining the organization. Mr. Sweerts and Mr. Winnubst also contacted Mayor Marlies de Loo of Gennep, who officially became a member of Mayors for Peace later in the year.

Additionally, the Dutch 2020 Vision campaigners also contacted several other peace organizations such as the Peace Committee of Utrecht 2013, which is preparing festivities for the third centenary of the Peace of Utrecht in 1713, MasterPeace and the Dutch Association for Medical Polemology (NVMP), with whom they maintain regular contact and share ideas about their respective projects. They also contacted a number of other such associations to ask them to promote Mayors for Peace on their websites and with whom they are now cooperating.

On September 21st, Mr. Sweerts and Mr. Winnubst attended the official launching of MasterPeace in Utrecht.

**Norway (86 → 88)**

In 2011, Mayors for Peace Norway dedicated itself to recruiting new members and developing a sense of belonging among the Norwegian community of Mayors for Peace. In January, two new members joined Mayors for Peace. In November, Mayor Thore Vestby of Frogn attended the organization’s meetings in Granollers, where he chaired, as vice-president, the General Meeting of the 2020 Vision Campaign. Each of the Norwegian members later received a newsletter as well as the resolution put together by the General Meeting in Granollers. Lastly, contributing members received a printed version of the 2011 Progress Report together with a Christmas greetings card. The digital version of the report has also been circulated among all members.

The city has thus been actively working on the “Gernika – Ortona – Stalingrad, young people remember – young people prevent” project. The main idea of this project, which will be launched in May 2012, is to make young people remember the lessons of World War Two and realize how vital peace is.

In addition, the city is also preparing an International Youth Conference for Peace in the Future which will be held in Volgograd in August 2012.

**Spain (296 → 301)**

In 2011, Granollers became, for a few days, the capital of Cities for Peace. The 8th Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace and the 2020 Vision Campaign Association meetings took place in Granollers from November 8th - 10th, 2011. Mayors and other representatives of 16 municipalities and five associations of local government reviewed past efforts and discussed future steps for the organization.

In a city tour, the participants visited the historical sights of Granollers and places of importance from the Spanish Civil War. During the visit, participants had the opportunity to share their experiences in peace policies, education for peace, defense of human rights and collaboration with
civil society, among others.

Two “Dialogues for Peace”, aimed at the citizens, were included in the program and held in the Peace Culture Center in Granollers. The first dialogue was conducted by a historian from Granollers and focused on historical memory and peace building. It took the form of a conversation between people from different cities, among them people from Hiroshima, Ypres and Biograd na Moru, about their work in the recovery of historical memory and how that memory has led them to work for peace. The second dialogue was about citizenship and peace building, in which representatives of Mayors for Peace and other organizations working for development and peace building explained their projects and invited the citizens to support them.

In recognition of the work of Mayors for Peace in the campaign for the elimination of weapons of mass destruction, the United Nations Association of Spain with the support of the Barcelona Provincial Council awarded the organization the 2011 Prize for Peace.

The United Nations Association of Spain (ANUE) established the award 32 years ago to recognize “an individual or collective work, a personal career or an organization that spread praise and purposes contained in the Charter of the United Nations.” The award, which includes a prize of €18,000 provided by the Barcelona Provincial Council, is announced each year on October 24th, commemorating the anniversary of the founding of the United Nations in 1945.

The award ceremony took place on November 9th in the headquarters of the Diputació de Barcelona and was attended by representatives of the member cities and associations of local government. President Matsui expressed gratitude to ANUE and the Diputació de Barcelona on behalf of all member cities and highlighted the commitment of Mayors for Peace to achieve a nuclear weapon free world at the earliest possible date.

Mayors Matsui, Taue and Mayoral attended an official reception with the President of Catalonia, Mr. Artur Mas, in the Palace of the Generalitat. The mayors informed President Mas about the activities of Mayors for Peace. Mayors Matsui and Taue invited him to attend the Peace Ceremony in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

A meeting of Iberoamerican members of Mayors for Peace, a meeting of European members and a meeting with UCLG were also organized during the week.

During the events, Mayor Mayoral reaffirmed the commitment of the city of Granollers to peace and the recovery of historical memory. He highlighted the role of cities in promoting coexistence and understanding between cultures and their capacity to work together to promote humanity.

Within a framework of developing regional strategies, Granollers – with the support of the association of municipalities of Catalonia and the Spanish Federation of Municipalities - is working on the creation of a Spanish network of Cities for Peace. Furthermore, the city is working on the creation of a network of Mediterranean cities for peace, together with cities from the Mediterranean basin.

Sweden (16 → 22)

During 2011, Mayors for Peace membership in Sweden grew to include 22 out of the 290 communes in the country. 2020 Vision campaigners are working to convince communes that the work of Mayors for Peace is not concentrated on distant foreign politics and instead directly relates to the future health and well-being of their populations. They are also in contact with different political parties who are active in certain communes. In 2012, they will continue to work to recruit new members.

United Kingdom (64 → 71)

In 2011, Mayors for Peace membership in the UK has grown to include 71 towns and cities. Leadership is provided by Vice President City Manchester and 2020 Vision Campaign Board Member Glasgow. UK members also took part in the Mayors for Peace Executive Conference in Granollers. Manchester is assisting in the issuing of voluntary invoices to all UK and Irish members and recruitment letters to non-members.

A UK Mayors for Peace Working Group took place in Oxford Town Hall in July 2011, in conjunction with the Nuclear Free Local Authorities English Forum. It included a special seminar with speakers from Mayors for Peace, the British American Security Information Council, the Nuclear Information Service and the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament on the future direction of UK nuclear weapons policy.

An action point from this seminar was a detailed submission to the Trident Commission, a cross-party body which is seeking to influence the UK government’s review of the ‘like-for-like’ alternatives to replacing the Trident nuclear weapons programme. A major decision on replacing Trident will be made after the next UK general election, expected in 2015, and possession of nuclear weapons is likely to be an issue in that election campaign. The submission endorsed the need for the UK government to take up the Mayors for Peace’s ‘2020 Vision’ and become involved in the debate over developing a Nuclear Weapons Convention through the auspices of the United Nation’s Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty deliberations.

Throughout 2011 UK Mayors for Pea-

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Dundee City Chambers, Dundee, UK, February 2011 - Councillor Mike Rummy (left), Lord Provost of Dundee John Letford (centre) and Bailie George Regan at the opening of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki A-bomb exhibition. (Credit: Sean Morris)
ce members were lining up to host the Hiroshima-Nagasaki A-bomb exhibitions and it has now been held in Manchester, Dundee, Clydebank, Newry, Aberdeen and the Shetland Islands. Over 20,000 people have now seen the exhibition. It is also booked well into 2012 and it is hoped it will be hosted in the Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, Rotherham, and hopefully in London, in 2012.

In August 2011, cities around the UK held civic services commemorating the 66th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings with major events in cities including London, Manchester, Birmingham, Coventry, Glasgow and Edinburgh. The atomic bombings were also remembered when commemorating other events such as the 25th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster and the March 2011 Fukushima disaster.

A UK Mayors for Peace meeting is being planned to take place in Manchester in February 2012. There are also plans in 2012 to seek to develop a lecture or reception to raise the profile and finances of Mayors for Peace in the UK. A number of high profile personalities and leading city mayors have been approached and it is hoped a significant event can take place.

**Latin America and the Caribbean (413 → 503)**

Because of the extraordinary progress in Latin America, activity that occurred on a region-wide basis is featured in a special section of this Report (see page 12). Below, please find just those activities which were unique to the country in question.

**Argentina (32 → 41)**

Argentina has taken important steps in becoming more engaged with the campaign for a nuclear weapon free world. In March 2011, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr. Hector Timmerman, addressed a letter to the Mayor of Hiroshima and President of Mayors for Peace, Mr. Kazumi Matsui, expressing the commitment of the country to attend future nuclear disarmament conferences held by the organization.

On September 20th and 21st, Mayors for Peace participated in the Latin American Conference of Citizen Security in Buenos Aires, which was a joint initiative organized by FAM and FLACMA. The event gave Mayors for Peace the opportunity to continue their dialogue with local governments and city officials, and received the valuable contribution of both Ms. Micaela Mezzadra and Bibiana Gonzales, a 2020 vision campaigner for both Argentina and Colombia. Eight new mayors joined Mayors for Peace at the information stand generously provided by the organizers of the conference.

**Brazil (42 → 77)**

In view of the international political importance of the country, and the lack of information material available in the national language, our team in Brazil decided to launch a briefing paper in Portuguese to better explain the goals of Mayors for Peace and the importance of the involvement of local authorities in the 2020 Vision Campaign. The Associação Brasileira de Municípios (ABM - Brazilian Association of Municipalities) and FNP supported the production and publication of the document by posting it on their websites and mailing it to their contacts, along with an appeal for all their member cities to join Mayors for Peace.

In 2011, Mayors for Peace organized, for the first time, an exhibition on the A-Bomb in Paranaguá, one of the largest port cities in the country. With an invitation from Mayor José Baka Filho, Pol Heanna DHuyvetter and Cinthia Heanna, a 2020 vision campaigner, were special guests at the commemoration, together with Takashi Morita and Junko Watanabe, representing the Brazilian Hibakusha Association. Mayor Baka Filho, as president of the local association of touristic cities in Paraná, successfully invited five new member cities to join Mayors for Peace (Guaraú, Guaíraçuca, Matinhos, Morretes, Pontal do Paraná). On July 4th, the opening of the exhibition, donated by the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation, attracted the attention of local and regional media, with the emotional speeches of Mr. Morita and Ms. Watanabe highlighting the cruel and inhumane of nuclear weapons.

**Colombia (6 → 10)**

Public awareness for the inhumanity of nuclear weapons was raised in a separate event organized by Peace Boat, when nine survivors of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki met with Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos Calderón on February 25th, 2011. The president’s warm reception of the survivors and his support for their message served as an important gesture in favor of a world free of nuclear weapons, and further cemented Latin America’s leading role in the field.

**Costa Rica (46)**

On September 17th, 2011 a meeting was organized in Montes de Oro to further develop Mayors for Peace in Costa Rica. The first objective agreed upon was to get 100% of mayors to sign up with Mayors for Peace. Costa Rica already counts 46 members, out of a total of 81. The Mayor also stated his intention to contact the Federación de Municipios del Istmo Centroamericano (FEMICA - Federation of Municipalities of the Central American Isthmus), to
increase the presence and activities of Mayors for Peace in Central America. A special Mayors for Peace assembly of the mayors of Costa Rica is envisioned for the near future, and the development of a strategy to involve the Costa Rican Federal Government in a Special Disarmament Conference.

**Mexico (41)**

In July 2011 Mexico City was made an executive city, becoming the first Latin American member to be integrated into the highest sphere of decision making in Mayors for Peace. Last year we saw Mexico City working to further engage Latin American cities in Mayors for Peace and the 2020 Vision Campaign. In view of the perception of nuclear weapons as a distant threat and in face of other pressing local security issues, the city was an essential supporter in organizing the Latin American survey (see box) to better understand regional perspectives and shape the actions of Mayors for Peace accordingly.

Mr. Jorge Nunez was appointed as 2020 Vision Campaigner for Mexico in April 2011, in recognition of the valuable support he has given the organization. Together with Ms. Abigail Cruz, communications officer for Latin America, this solid team continues essential work to develop the 2020 Vision Campaign in Latin America.

**Nicaragua (155 → 155)**

Nicaragua is the only country in the world where all of its mayors have joined the organization. At their general meeting, Nicaraguan mayors pledged to actively promote Mayors for Peace through their partnership with the Association of Local Governments in Central America and FLACMA (Federation of Local Governments for Latin America and the Caribbean). The general meeting was organized by AMUNIC during the first visit to Nicaragua of Pol Heanna DHuyvetter, international development director of Mayors for Peace and executive advisor of the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation.

Mr. Sadrach Zeledon, mayor of Matagalpa and member of the international leadership of Mayors for Peace, spoke of the full support of all Nicaraguan mayors, President Daniel Ortega and the Nicaraguan people in working towards achieving the objectives of the organization. Mr. Sadrach Zeledon, who is also president of AMUNIC, declared that on September 19th a Mayors for Peace office would open in the capital city of Managua. This is the first Mayors for Peace office in Latin America and the Caribbean region and demonstrates the desire to make a significant contribution to the development of the organization. The final declaration of AMUNIC also stated their intention to explore the possibility of establishing the regional office for Latin America and the Caribbean in the Nicaraguan capital.

**Peru (7 → 33)**

In Carabayllo and Ate, two cities near the capital, the Federación de Municipios Libres de Perú (FEMULP) organized several events in their city halls with Mayors for Peace. A meeting was also held with representatives of the City Hall of Lima, where the process to secure the capital’s membership of Mayors for Peace was begun. During these events 18 Peruvian mayors formally joined Mayors for Peace. Mayors for Peace representatives Pol Heanna DHuyvetter and Lizett Vasquez (2020 Vision Campaigner) were warmly welcomed at all events, where they were able to engage in dialogues with city officials about the 2020 Vision Campaign and the importance of their involvement in the activities of Mayors for Peace.

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Lima, Peru, August 6 2011 - Over one hundred people marched through the streets of La Victoria to commemorate the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. (Credit: Mayors for Peace)

(Lima) to commemorate the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The City Hall of La Victoria, which had joined Mayors for Peace one month earlier, hosted an event called ‘A Thousand Cranes for Peace’ organized by the Women’s Network of Local Authorities of the Lima and Callao Region (MUALIC) together with Mayors for Peace, represented by Ms. Vasquez.

Uruguay (1 → 2)

Mayors for Peace maintains an active dialogue with the Federal Government of Uruguay on the promotion of a nuclear weapon free world. The Uruguayan Government remains in favor of the organization’s proposal for a high level conference on total nuclear disarmament and the focus of the work in 2011 was to build enough international support for this initiative to be successful (for more information, see the international campaign section).

While the support of Montevideo and the Uruguayan Federal government for the 2020 Vision Campaign has been remarkable, slow progress has been made with other local governments. Throughout 2011, a resolution in support of the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign was pending and ultimately failed to make it onto the agenda of the Uruguayan Congress of Mayors.

North America (256 → 287)

Canada (90 → 95)

Mayors for Peace welcomed five new member cities in Canada in 2011 bringing the total to 95.

In March, following the devastation wrought by the earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan in 2011, the Montreal City Council passed a motion of solidarity, praising the courage and determination demonstrated by the Japanese people, as well as those who worked to bring aid to those affected.

In August, Mayor Gerald Tremblay of Montreal demonstrated his continuing support of peace and disarmament by sending three youth delegates to the International Youth Conference for Peace in the Future in Hiroshima. Together with fifty delegates from other sister cities of Hiroshima, these young people also attended the August 6th Peace Memorial Ceremony. The participation of these young people was an opportunity to reaffirm once again the support and solidarity shown by the city of Montreal towards the Japanese people and strengthen the links between the two cities.

Hiroshima Day was commemorated in many Mayors for Peace cities across Canada including Saskatoon, Oakville and Toronto. In Montreal, Mayor Tremblay was joined by Hiroaki Isobe, Consul General of Japan in Montreal, along with a crowd of around 120 citizens, to reflect on the 66th anniversary of the first use of an atomic bomb on a city. Composer Reiko Yamada, originally from Hiroshima and now a resident of Montreal, created a new work, ‘Prayer’, for the commemoration ceremony. Performed by the Molinari Quartet, the piece included fragments of eyewitness accounts by five survivors of the bombing speaking about the current world situation and the future.

USA (165 → 191)

In 2011 Mayors for Peace membership in the United States continued to grow, adding 26 new mayors in 16 states, making a total of 191 members in 38 of the 50 States. (The total does not include Mayors for Peace members in the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico [13], Micronesia [2], and the Northern Mariana Islands [2].) Orlando, Florida, which joined with a public signing ceremony in February, will be hosting the June 2012 annual meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM).

Mayors for Peace North American Coordinator Jackie Cabasso represented Mayors for Peace at the USCM’s 79th annual meeting in June 2011, in Baltimore, Maryland. There the USCM unanimously adopted a strongly-worded resolution sponsored by 20 Mayors for Peace members, “Calling on the President to Work with Leaders of Other Nuclear Weapon States for Elimination of Nuclear Weapons by 2020 and Calling on Congress to Cut Funding for Nuclear Weapons and to Redirect Those Funds to Meet the Needs of Cities.” Characterizing the lack of progress on nuclear disarmament, the resolution notes:
“the 2010 U.S. Nuclear Posture Review did not lead to substantial changes in the U.S. nuclear force structure”; “a plan submitted to Congress by President Barack Obama projects investments of well over $185 billion by 2020 to maintain and modernize U.S. nuclear weapons systems”; “the Administration’s Fiscal Year 2012 budget request [$7.63 billion] is the largest ever for maintenance and modernization of nuclear warheads”; and the FY 2012 budget request includes more than $1 billion for research and development of a new Air Force long-range nuclear bomber, a study for future Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, and development of a new replacement ballistic missile submarine slated to be in operation through 2080.

The resolution describes “the economic downturn forcing mayors and cities to make deep cuts in critical public services” which “includes huge reductions to other domestic programs of importance to mayors and cities, the size of which have not been seen in recent times,” and “calls on the U.S. Congress to terminate funding for modernization of the nuclear weapons complex and nuclear weapons systems, to slash spending on nuclear weapons programs well below Cold War levels, and to redirect those funds to meet the urgent needs of cities.” The USCM also “reaffirms its call on President Obama to work with the leaders of the other nuclear weapon states to implement the United Nations Secretary-General’s Five Point Proposal for Nuclear Disarmament forthwith, so that a Nuclear Weapons Convention or a related framework of mutually reinforcing legal instruments can be agreed upon and implemented by the year 2020, as urged by Mayors for Peace.” The resolution added a USCM “pledge to assist in recruiting new U.S. members in order to help reach the goal of 5,000 member cities.”

Following a national campaign by peace and justice activists, with sponsorship from many Mayors for Peace members, the USCM adopted another resolution, “Calling on Congress to Redirect Military Spending to Domestic Priorities,” which “calls on the President and U.S. Congress to end the [Iraq and Afghanistan] wars as soon as strategically possible and bring these war dollars home to meet vital human needs, promote job creation, rebuild our infrastructure, aid municipal and state governments, and develop a new economy based upon renewable, sustainable energy and reduce the federal debt.”

At its June meeting, for the first time the USCM was addressed by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. In his speech, Ban acknowledged the importance of Mayors for Peace and the support of the USCM: “When we tried to break the global deadlock in negotiations on nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, who was by our side? The U.S. Conference of Mayors and Mayors for Peace. The ‘Cities are Not Targets’ petition campaign has more than one million signatures – and is now proudly on display at UN Headquarters. I welcome the resolution you will adopt at this conference, in particular its reiteration of support for my five-point plan.” Linking the global and the local, Ban told the mayors: “The road to peace and progress runs through the world’s cities and towns.” The SG was greeted and thanked with standing ovations.

Making good on its June pledge, in July the USCM sent a recruitment letter on behalf of Mayors for Peace to its full membership of more than 1,200 mayors of cities with populations over 30,000. The letter, with a cover note from USCM Executive Director Tom Cochran, was signed by Akron, Ohio Mayor Donald Plusquellic, a USCM former president and Mayors for Peace Vice-President; Oakland, California Mayor Jean Quan, new Chair of the USCM International Affairs Committee; and 13 additional Mayors for Peace members from across the country. At least 10 new mayors joined Mayors for Peace in response.

Under the guidance of Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaigner, Mel Hardy, Mayors for Peace has been seeking to deepen existing relationships and establish new ones with African American mayors and organizations. In May 2011, Hardy and Mayors for Peace outreach and deve-
United States commemorated the 66th victims. At the opening of an August ceremony remembering the souls of the Brede presided over a lantern floating ceremony in Minnesota, Mayors for Peace Mayor Ardele of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In Rochester, August 1st, 2012.

Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum on August 6th, near the gates of the Targets petition. Updated Mayors for Peace Cities Are Not Distinguished. Hundreds of signatures were collected on the petition over a three day period, and highlighted the events of 1945 and promote the goal of a nuclear weapons-free world. “Nagasaki Day” in order “to remember the victims of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.”

On August 6th and 9th, cities around the United States commemorated the 66th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In Rochester, Minnesota, Mayors for Peace Mayor Ardele Brede presided over a lantern floating ceremony remembering the souls of the victims. At the opening of an August 6th vigil in Ashland, Oregon, Mayors for Peace Mayor John Strong read an official proclamation endorsing the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision and declaring August 6th as “Hiroshima Day” and August 9th as “Nagasaki Day” in order “to remember the events of 1945 and promote the goal of a nuclear weapons-free world.”

On August 6th, near the gates of the Nuclear Weapons Laboratory in Livermore, California, an evening rally, “From Hiroshima to Fukushima – Lessons from Disaster,” informed hundreds of residents and visitors over a three day period, and highlighted Mayors for Peace as a source of hope. Hundreds of signatures were collected on the updated Mayors for Peace Cities Are Not Targets petition.

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On August 6th, Mel Hardy, representing Mayors for Peace and the 2020 Vision Campaign, joined with the Hiroshima Nagasaki Peace Committee of Washington, DC to hold a vigil at the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and the Reflecting Pool. From October 22nd to November 26th, led by Japanese Buddhist monks and nuns and Native American spiritual leaders, peace activists undertook a ‘Sacred Sites Peace Walk for a Nuclear-Free World,’ walking hundreds of miles from the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant on the central coast of California to the Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab. Along the way they stopped at nuclear-related facilities and Native American sacred sites and promoted Mayors for Peace. At the end of the walk they presented Mayors for Peace flags to the Mayors’ offices in Oakland and Richmond, California, both members of Mayors for Peace.

On October 9th, Mayors for Peace President and former Hiroshima Mayor Tadatoshi Akiba received the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation’s Distinguished Peace Leadership Award in Santa Barbara, California. Santa Barbara Mayor for Peace Helene Schneider welcomed Mayor Akiba. Hiroshima atomic bomb survivor Shigeko Sasamori received the World Citizenship Award on behalf of all Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bomb survivors (hibakusha). The awards were presented during the Foundation's 28th Annual Evening for Peace, “From Hiroshima to Hope.”

OCEANIA (112 → 127)

Australia (72 → 86)

In 2011 there was a growing interest in Mayors for Peace in Australia, as members sought to inform local governments about the objectives and achievements of the organization, as well as to engage them in their activities. In addition to recruiting new members, the City of Fremantle, an associate member of the 2020 Vision Campaign, has been involved in supporting a number of community led initiatives that support Mayors for Peace objectives. In September it provided the exhibition space for and promoted Artists for Peace 2011, an exhibition organized by the Medical Association for Prevention of War.

Between August and October the ‘Walk away from Uranium Mining, Towards Aboriginal Sovereignty’ took place; a 1,000 kilometer walk from Wiluna to Perth for a nuclear free future, in opposition to Western Australia’s proposed uranium mining industry. The event was supported by the City of Fremantle and a number of Mayors for Peace members along the route. Many of the walkers were also constituents within the City of Fremantle and other Mayors for Peace Councils.

Mayor for Peace Brad Pettitt spoke at and supported the anti-nuclear rally on July 21st at the Fremantle’s Esplanade Hotel, where uranium miners were attending the Australian Uranium Conference.

New Zealand (30)

In 2011, the members of Mayors for Peace in New Zealand were busy dealing with the aftermath of the devastating major earthquakes in September 2010, February, June and December 2011, and over 10,000 ongoing aftershocks. In Christchurch, the World Peace Bell given to the city by the World Peace Bell Association is now repaired but the Walk around the city will have to be changed and updated due to the loss of many buildings.

Bob Harvey, mayor of Waitakere and vice president of Mayors for Peace, resigned as mayor when Waitakere and other cities were subsumed into a ‘super-sized’ Auckland City. The Peace Foundation in Auckland immediately met with the new council and requested that Auckland become a peace city. They succeeded and Auckland was declared a City for Peace by the Auckland Council on December 15th 2011.

Mayor Len Brown, first mayor of the new Auckland Council, joined Mayors for Peace in September 2011. His leadership proved vital in the council finally agreeing to the Auckland Peace City Declaration. This declaration recommends a pro-active approach to educating and inspiring the people of Auckland through ‘Peace City Projects’. It also reaffirms support for the New Zealand Nuclear Weapon Free Zone and Disarmament Act. The 25th Anniversary of this 1987 legislation will be celebrated on June 8th 2012 which is the proposed date for the public launch of Auckland Peace City.
Financial statement

The 2020 Vision Campaign is financed mainly by voluntary contributions made by member cities, with a small part raised by professional fundraisers and donations made by individuals. We are very grateful to all those who contributed in 2011 and enabled the Vision 2020 Campaign to continue to work towards a nuclear free world. We hope many more cities will follow this example and contribute in the future. The figures on page 30 represent the income and expenditure of the International Secretariat of the 2020 Vision Campaign. Note that the € 110,000 contribution of Hiroshima and Nagasaki is not included in this table as the salaries of the three executive advisors are paid by the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation directly, and not via Ypres. We can see for the figures of 2011 that we have a surplus of € 38,228. It is thanks to many contributors and a stringent financial policy that the secretariat in Ypres was able to achieve these figures.

Fundraising

In 2011, we received € 84810,25 from 19 countries. This total is slightly less than last year's figure, however, as we went to press, there were still invoices to be returned from the United Kingdom and Spain. As with 2010, we remain on the right track, although we did fall short of our target to match the contributions of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, a goal towards which we will continue to strive in the year ahead. Over the course of the year we received contributions from 266 cities in 19 different countries. We were pleased to welcome 30 first time contributors in 2011, including member cities from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Uruguay, countries which up until now had not been represented.

It is also important to recognize that many cities have made donations in-kind, providing indispensable support for our international action. Matching their financial contribution, Hiroshima and Nagasaki’s work on the campaign is vital. Furthermore, special mention should be made of the city of Granollers, who hosted the 2011 General Meeting, along with Malakoff, for its assistance with the website and translations, and many other leading cities for their help in distributing invoices and other important material to their membership cities.
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**Total:** €4,810,25
Information concerning the calculation of the fee

In 2009 the campaign launched a contribution system based on the size of the city and the Gross National Income per Capita. The fees reflect the differing financial realities of our members, taking national issues into account. This year we keep on using this system that was launched to help Hiroshima and Nagasaki, who have carried the financial burden for over 25 years. If you would like to calculate your city’s contribution, please use the table below.

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Group IV: Andorra, Antigua & Barbuda, Aruba, Australia, Austria, Bahamas (The), Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Bermuda, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Rep., Denmark, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, France, French Polynesia, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Greenland, Guam, Hong Kong (China), Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Isle of Man, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea (Rep.), Kuwait, Libya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Macao (China), Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Netherlands Antilles, New Caledonia, New Zealand, N. Marina Islands, Norway, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovak Rep., Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks and Caicos Isl., United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States
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## INCOME

| Contributions members                         |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Member cities                                 | 87588,19         | 93995,65         | 84611,55         | 61058,6          |
| Participation fees MfP activities             | 0                | 0                | 0                | 750              |
| **Subsidies and grants**                      |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| EU grant EVS Youth for Action                 | 16054,19         | 2592,54          | 21361,25         | 8893             |
| Foundations                                   | 6458,91          | 0                | 0                | 0                |
| Interest                                      | 486,67           | 395,64           | 543,59           | 404,17           |
| **Various income**                            | 108,25           |                  |                  | 752,61           |
| **TOTAL income**                              | 110587,96        | 97092,08         | 106516,39        | 71858,38         |

**BALANCE for the year (€)**  
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-16637,83  
7970,24  
18143,38

**ACCUMULATIVE Balance**  
49233,80  
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26113,62  

Fukushima 2011:
‘The myth that nuclear plants are completely safe has crumbled’

Following the tragic events that occurred in Fukushima in 2011, the bi-annual Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace, held in Granollers (Spain) on November 9th and 10th, set out its position on nuclear energy for the first time. Mayors for Peace declared in its final resolution: “The ongoing threat of radiation has generated tremendous anxiety among those living near Fukushima and millions around the world. The issue of nuclear power has become a global public debate. Whether the source of radiation exposure is nuclear bombs, nuclear testing, or nuclear energy, we must do everything we can to prevent any more hibakusha anywhere. We must create a society that is supported by safer energy”.

On March 11th, 2011, a powerful earthquake struck off the north-east coast of Japan, triggering a giant tsunami. The subsequent nuclear disaster at the Fukushima Daiichi Power Plant only added to the growing horror and concern of people around the world. Japanese officials initially assessed the accident as level four on the International Nuclear Event Scale (INES). This level was successively raised to five and eventually to seven, the maximum possible value, matching that of the 1986 Chernobyl disaster.

While the Japanese government and the nuclear industry initially downplayed the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster, it soon became apparent that it was, in fact, the worst nuclear accident in human history, with a full meltdown in reactors one, two and three. Additionally four spent fuel pools with high-level radioactive waste were compromised in reactor buildings one, two, three and four. Due to radioactive contamination, people within a 30 km zone around the Fukushima Daiichi Power Plant were ordered to evacuate. Soon radioactive particles were found in tap water and a growing list of foods such as rice, tea, mushrooms, fish and baby foods. At one point in the developing crisis, officials were even considering whether it would be necessary to evacuate the capital, Tokyo.

In the face of this nuclear disaster, the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki used their respective Peace Declarations, delivered every year at commemoration ceremonies to mark the anniversaries of the atomic bombings of Japan, to highlight the shift in both cities’ position regarding nuclear energy. During the Hiroshima commemoration on August 6th, Prime Minister Kan repeated his call for an energy review and vowed to challenge “the safety myth of nuclear power”. Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui echoed these sentiments but stopped short of appealing for a complete abandonment of nuclear power. At the Nagasaki Ceremony on August 9th, Mayor Tomihisa Taue called on Japan to change its nuclear policy and reject not only atomic weapons but also nuclear power, as a decades-old fear of radiation sickness was renewed.

In an article in the Mainichi Daily News published on August 8th, the Mayor of Nagasaki declared: “Since the disaster at the Fukushima No. 1 Nuclear Power Plant began, I have wondered constantly, ‘What mistakes did we make, where did we make them, and why?’ I have thought not just about factors directly related to the nuclear plant, such as its location or safety, but also about possible causes in our society or ways of thinking. One of them is the problem of myths. The myth that nuclear plants are completely safe has crumbled”.

In another major development, hibakusha (the survivors of the A-bombs) also changed their stance on nuclear power. The atomic bombing victims’ organisation, Nihon Hidankyo, had previously restricted itself to campaigning for the prevention of nuclear war and the elimination of nuclear weapons. Even after the accidents at Chernobyl and Three Mile Island, their statements were limited to occasional and unemphatic calls for better safety testing and research at nuclear power plants. However, in the wake of the radiation released following the Fukushima disaster, they have now also turned against nuclear power.

Local governments oppose nuclear energy

UPDATE FROM JAPAN
Mayors organize anti-nuclear forum

At the start of May 2012 all 54 Japanese nuclear reactors will be shut down as a result of local governments refusing to give the permits to restart the reactors.

On April 8th 2012 Kyodo News reported that fifteen current and former mayors will hold a conference at the end of April 2012 in Tokyo to lobby against nuclear plants.

Hajime Mikami, mayor of Kosai in Shizuoka Prefecture declared “We thought we should set up the conference before Kansei Electric Power Co. restarts its Oi nuclear plant” in Fukui Prefecture. “By breaking away from nuclear power, we can protect the lives and property of residents.”

According to Kyodo News the group is urging other mayors to join the conference, which is aimed at eliminating nuclear plants and will meet biannually to discuss atomic power. The conferences will also compile proposals on renewable energy usage, as well as the evacuation of children and provision of safe food for them.

UPDATE FROM EUROPE:
New network of cities against nuclear energy

Following the Fukushima disaster the City of Vienna (Austria) brought an initiative towards the European Commission. Ms.Ulli Sima, the councillor for the environment of the City of Vienna declared that “in our densely populated Europe it is almost inevitable that many urban areas would seriously and most likely irrevocably, suffer from a nuclear accident. Our concern is to take the lessons not only from Chernobyl and Fukushima, but also from all other accidents in the history of nuclear energy, seriously and to ensure the safety of the public as well as the livelihood of future generations”.

Vienna’s initiative has received initial support from the cities of Antwerpen, Bergen, Frankfurt, Köln, Münich, Nicosia, Hannover and the NFLA UK and all Ireland (Nuclear Free Local Authorities).

As we have learned from Chernobyl and Fukushima radioactive contamination does not stop at national borders. The initiative from Vienna should also be seen in historic perspective. On November 5th 1976, in a national referendum, a majority of the Austrian population voted against the start of the completed Zwentendorf nuclear power plant. A month later the Austrian National Assembly passed a law prohibiting the use of nuclear energy in Austria.
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