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Note to the Deputy Secretary-General

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LETTER DATED 23 APRIL 2014 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF PEACE DEPOT

1. Reference is made to my earlier notes of 12 March 2014 and 15 April 2014 regarding the request by the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki for a meeting with the Secretary-General and by Peace Depot for a written message by the Secretary-General at an NGO side event "Time for action to establish a Northeast Asia nuclear weapon free zone", to be organized by Peace Depot on 30 April 2014, during the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 NPT Review Conference.
2. Please find attached a letter of 23 April 2014 from the President of Peace Depot, expressing the willingness of the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to hand over to the Secretary-General 543 signatures on the Statement of Support for a Northeast Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone, at the end of their meeting with the Secretary-General on 28 April 2014.
3. In light of the decision of the Secretary-General to provide a message to the above-mentioned event on the establishment of a Nuclear Weapon Free Zone in Northeast Asia, I therefore recommend that the Secretary-General accept the signatures. My office will provide talking points for the Secretary-General for use in accepting the petition.

*Angela Kane*

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**Note to the Deputy Secretary-General**

**REQUEST FOR A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BY  
THE REPRESENTATIVES OF MAYORS FOR PEACE**

1. I refer to the attached letter of 6 March 2014 to the Secretary-General from the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki who are respectively the President and Vice President of Mayors for Peace.
2. They will be in New York from **27 to 30 April 2014** to attend the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 NPT Review Conference and are requesting a meeting with the Secretary-General while they are here. Their delegation will also include high school and university students from Hiroshima and Nagasaki whom they would like to have join this meeting.
3. As you may know, Mayors for Peace has played an important role in promoting nuclear disarmament and has strongly supported the Secretary-General's call for a nuclear-weapon-free world. Since its inception in 1982, Mayors for Peace has grown to almost 6000 cities in 158 countries and regions across the globe.
4. It would be highly appreciated if the Secretary-General would consider making himself available, at a time of his convenience, for a short meeting during the above-mentioned period.
5. If approved, I am available to join him and my Office will prepare and submit a draft background note and talking points in advance.



Virginia Gamba  
Officer-in-Charge  
Office for Disarmament Affairs  
12 March 2014

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March 6, 2014

His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General  
United Nations

Excellency:

We hope this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits.

We would like to first of all express our deep gratitude for your understanding and cooperation towards the operations of Mayors for Peace. Furthermore, we extend our heartfelt respect for your efforts towards nuclear disarmament and the abolition of nuclear weapons.

We will be visiting New York from April 27 (Sun.) to 30 (Wed.) in order to participate in the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee for the NPT Review Conference together with representatives from Mayors for Peace executive cities. In regards, we would like to request time for a meeting with you, regarding which we are contacting you now.

In preparation for next year's 2015 NPT Review Conference, this year will be an important time to promote effective measures towards nuclear weapons abolition across the international community. We would appreciate it if we could meet in person with you, who attended the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony for the first time as Secretary-General of the United Nations and called for the realization of a world without nuclear weapons, and explain about the measures being planned by Mayors for Peace.

Furthermore, we would by all means like for high-schoolers and university students to join this meeting, so that the voices of the young generation centered around Hiroshima and Nagasaki reach you directly.

We wish from our hearts that you may understand these intentions and allow us some time for a meeting with you.

Respectfully yours,

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President of Mayors for Peace  
Mayor of Hiroshima

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Vice President of Mayors for Peace  
Mayor of Nagasaki

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**Note to the Deputy Secretary-General**

**LETTER DATED 31 MARCH 2014 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF PEACE DEPOT**

Please find attached a letter from Mr Yuasa, President of Peace Depot, soliciting a welcoming message by the Secretary-General at a side event related to the establishment of a Nuclear Weapon Free Zone in Northeast Asia as well as a draft response on behalf of the Secretary-General.

As the issue of the establishment of such a zone is very delicate and needs the involvement of all countries concerned, including China, DPRK, Russian Federation and United States, I would like to suggest that the Secretary-General declines the invitation. Instead, I propose to ensure the availability of a speaker from my Office at the event.



Angela Kane  
15 April 2014



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31 March 2014

Ms. Angela Kane  
The United Nations High Representative for Disarmament Affairs

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Your Excellency

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Welcoming the growing interest and support for a Northeast Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone (NEA-NWFZ) from UN, parliamentarians, mayors, academics, policy analysts and civil society, we co-hosts of 10 organizations cordially invite you to a NGO forum *Time for Action to Establish a Northeast Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone* at the third Preparatory Committee for the 2015 NPT Review Conference on 30 April 2014 in the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Hoping the forum to provide civil society, UN and relevant governments a place for fruitful discussion in appropriate actions to establish a NEA-NWFZ, we would like to invite you and humbly ask for your help with two things like below.

First, we request you to make remarks from the perspective of UNODA at the **Comment and Discussion** session of the forum. We expect that your remarks would encourage the civil society of Japan and ROK whose efforts to build up this discussion has been over a decade, to move forward to the next stage. Moreover, your personal opinion would be appreciated as well.

Second, through this forum, mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, on behalf of 542 Japanese mayors, hope to submit the signatures on a statement of support for a NEA-NWFZ to the Secretary General Ban Ki-moon. In addition, it will be our honor if he gives a welcoming message at the forum. Could we deliver this request to the Secretary General via UNODA?

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With the presence of UNODA and the Secretary General, we believe that this forum will be able to provide political and academic ideas to all parties and add momentum to the discussion of a NEA-NWFZ. The detailed program is enclosed to this invitation.

We look forward to your interest and a positive response.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Ichiro Yuasa, President of Peace Depot

On behalf of

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2014 NPT Preparatory Committee NGO Forum  
**Time for Action to Establish  
a Northeast Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone**

**The United Nations Headquarters in NY, NGO Room C  
Wednesday 30 April 2014, 3pm - 5:50pm**

**Co-Sponsors**

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In 2013, there were new attempts to move forward the denuclearization of Northeast Asia. On 26 July, the report of the UN Secretary General on the work of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters was submitted to the General Assembly. In the report, the Board recommended that the Secretary General consider appropriate action for the establishment of a nuclear weapon free zone in Northeast Asia (NEA-NWFZ). On 26 September at the High-level Meeting on Nuclear Disarmament, Mr. Elbegdorj Tsakhia, President of Mongolia, mindful of the country's experience in ensuring security primarily by political and diplomatic means, expressed its readiness to work with the countries of the region to see if and how a NWFZ could be established in the region.

Meanwhile, globally the humanitarian initiative on nuclear weapons has been rapidly growing. Recognizing its importance, Japan and ROK have participated in both Oslo and Nayarit conferences. Moreover, when the 4<sup>th</sup> Joint Statement on the Humanitarian Consequences of Nuclear Weapons reaffirmed that for the very survival of humanity nuclear weapons must never be used again under any circumstances, Japan, as a country that suffered atomic bombings, signed the statement for the first time.

Since 2003, like-minded NGOs in Japan and ROK, in the belief that a NEA-NWFZ can greatly contribute to achieving a nuclear-weapon-free world, have kept convening a joint workshop on the issue of NEA-NWFZ at the NPT meetings. Through the workshop, we have expanded the support by local authorities, religious community, parliamentarians and peace NGOs in a broad range. One of the fruits for example is that 542 mayors have signed on a statement of support for a NEA-NWFZ in Japan as of March this year.

Today, welcoming the aforementioned changes, this forum is held to report on the efforts which have done by civil society to the United Nations and the relevant governments in Northeast Asia and discuss a NEA-NWFZ in a constructive manner. This forum will provide a timely opportunity for all of us to seek for appropriate actions to establish a NEA-NWFZ.

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### **Programme**

#### **Moderators:**

Ms. Maria Kim, Researcher of Peace Depot,  
Mr. Akira Kawasaki, Co-representative of Peace Boat

#### **Opening 15:00-15:05**

Opening Remarks

#### **Introductory Speeches by Experts 15:05-16:05**

##### **NEA-NWFZ: a Regional Approach toward Nuclear-weapon-free World**

*Ms. Keiko Nakamura, Associate Professor of RECNA, Nagasaki University*

##### **How to solve the Nuclear Weapon Problem on the Korean Peninsula: Civil Society Perspectives**

*Ms. Mihyeon Lee, Coordinator of PSPD*

##### **Mongolia's Position on the Issue of Establishment of a NEA-NWFZ**

*Mr. Jargalsalkhan Enkhsalkhan, Director of Blue Banner*

**Q and A**

#### **NGO Presentations 16:05-16:40**

##### **Report on the Activities of Japanese Civil Society**

*Mr. Ichiro Yuasa, President of Peace Depot*

##### **Efforts and Visions of Local Authorities in Japan**

*Mr. Tomihisa Taue, Mayor of Nagasaki, National Council of Japan Nuclear Free Local Authorities*

*Mr. Kazumi Matsui, Mayor of Hiroshima, Mayors for Peace*

##### **Support for a NEA-NWFZ by Religious Community**

*Mr. Jonathan Frerichs, Programme Executive for Peace-building and Disarmament, WCC*

*Mr. Kyoichi Sugino, Deputy Secretary General of Religions for Peace*

##### **Essential Role of Parliamentarians**

*Mr. Alyn Ware, Global Coordinator of PNND*

**Q and A**



**Comments and Discussion 16:40-17:45**

**Comments**

*Representative of UNODA*

*Members from the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters*

*Delegates of the Six Party Talks Nations*

**Open Discussion with All Participants**

**Close 17:45-17:50**

Closing Remarks

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23 April 2014

**Ms. Angela Kane**

The United Nations High Representative for Disarmament Affairs

Your Excellency

First of all, thank you very much for the full support by UNODA for the NGO forum ***Time for Action to Establish a Northeast Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone*** which will be held on 30 April 2014 at the third Preparatory Committee for the 2015 NPT Review Conference. Especially we appreciate that you designated Mr. Randy Rydell as our speaker at Comment and Discussion session as a representative.

Secondly, we deeply appreciate that you assured the continuous commitment of the Secretary General on the relevant issue including the establishment of internationally recognized nuclear weapon free zone. It is unfortunate that the Secretary General cannot be present at the forum, but it would be honor for us to deliver his appreciation about the forum to our participants.

For the last, we want to request once again to provide us a time for **mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki**, on behalf of 543 Japanese mayors, **to submit the signatures on a statement of support for a NEA-NWFZ to the Secretary General**. It would be grateful if the SG kindly gives us about 5 minutes right after Mayors for Peace will have a meeting with the SG on 28 April.

We ask for and look forward to your supportive response by 25 April.

Thank you very much.



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Yours sincerely,

Ichiro Yuasa, President of Peace Depot

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