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"Facing the 21st Century"

RESOLUTION

Whereas the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities was organised as the Cold War was ending, with all the promise of the abolition of nuclear weapons, reduction of the arms race, the use of negotiations as an alternative to conflict between nations and within borders pointing to a peaceful future; further

Whereas, we have now seen tragic warfare in Rwanda and Uganda, Congo, Ethiopia and Eritrea, India and Pakistan, Indonesia, Sierra Leone and the continued occupation of Cyprus and now the NATO aggression in Serbia, the end of the century has resulted in insecurity and apprehension as we move into the 21st century; further

Whereas, while the Peace Messenger Cities Association has called for the abolition of weapons of mass destruction, India and Pakistan have joined the nuclear club; NATO used depleted uranium and cluster bombs in Serbia in a technologically advanced warfare by air; further

Whereas, Peace Messenger Cities Association has incorporated a mandate to support a strong United Nations in its statutes, the recent actions of NATO shunted aside United Nations efforts for peace, thus severely weakening the role of the United Nations and its credibility as a peace making institution;

Whereas, the Security Council has passed Resolution 1244 and Military Agreement signed in Macedonia between United Nations and Yugoslavia to bring peace in Kosovo, Serbia and the United Nations has assumed the responsibility for the immediate and, total disarmament of the Kosovo liberation Army; and further

Whereas, to restore its credibility as effective peace making organisation, it is absolutely imperative the United Nations act immediately to carry out its responsibilities,

Therefore, we call upon the UN to move against all terrorist activity in the Kosovo area and remove all agencies and forces unwilling or unable to perform its functions.

We enter the 21st century urging increased support for the United Nations as the sole world body capable of establishing peaceful relations between nations, and

We call for the democratisation of the United Nations to give voice to the membership of the General Assembly, and

We call upon all nuclear weapon states to sign the comprehensive Test Ban Treaty as an immediate first step towards a total abolition of nuclear weapons,

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We call upon nuclear weapon states to enter negotiations at once for the total abolition of nuclear arms in a time-determined process.