

Resolution on landmines, Lisbon, July 27, 1995

We, delegates assembled in Lisbon, Portugal for the 8th General Assembly of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities, so designated by the General Assembly of the United Nations, appeal to you to add your voice to those of His Holiness Pope John Paul II, Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu of South Africa; Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches; The Venerable Maha Ghosanananda and others of conscience, calling for the international ban on landmines.

The Declaration of the Pope, dated May 29, 1995, stated:

"The leaders of nations and political economic actors bear serious responsibility for the production and use of certain forms of weaponry that have particularly traumatic effects and that cruelly and indiscriminately strike civilian populations with lasting consequences that go beyond the duration of conflicts. I would like to again make a forceful appeal that the production and use of weapons called " anti-personnel mines" may completely cease. these mines compromise the return to peace in many countries because they have been placed on roads and in the fields with the intention of indiscriminately having as many people as possible. In deed they continue to kill and cause irreparable damage well after the end of hostilities by seriously mutilating adults and especially children."

The world has banned the use of chemical and biological weapons. Land mines must be included in the list.

The voices of the innocents plead with us. Please add your voice.