

## **Resolution for the Renewal and Re-Construction of the Infrastructure, Destroyed by the NATO bombing of Yugoslavia, Krusevac, 1999**

The 78 days of the bombing of Yugoslavia, and the continuation of the bombing of Iraq, has threatened these nations, both of whom are members of the UN, with the total devastation of their infrastructure. The damage includes the destruction of industries, heating plants, agriculture, schools and nurseries. The ecosystems are under threat and there is the potential for a human catastrophe of gigantic proportions. Both governments fear that many children will die as a result of their inability to provide primary health care: the bombing and subsequent embargo prohibit the means to maintain the living standards for their people, reducing them inevitably, to the same level as third world nations.

We condemn the violation of human rights and the oppression caused by the bombing, as a way to resolving conflict between member nations of the UN, because such methods pose a direct threat to world peace.

The Association of Peace Messenger Cities recognises the need to promote world peace throughout towns such as those present at this Assembly and we recognise that, Krusevac, our host, has been a victim of violence in the recent devastation.

We believe that in the interests of world peace that there must be solidarity and co-operation to assist in the re-construction of Krusevac, Kragujevac and other towns to prevent further suffering by the elderly, the sick, and the children all of whom must be considered as innocent victims of the conflagration.

As Peace Messenger Cities, we confirm the support needed to help the people of Serbia the need for heating supplies to be restored before winter sets in, the need for primary health care to be available to the people, and the supplies needed to rebuild the infrastructure of the local and national economies.

We understand the plight of the people of Yugoslavia who feel imperilled by the NATO action against their government, and we appeal for support from the same nations of NATO who must assist in the reconstruction needed.

We request that the embargoes against any country are cancelled forthwith, and that all nations have the right to protect their peoples from the humanitarian disaster brought about by the catastrophic use of sanctions.