

The Suwon Resolution

We, the representatives of Executive Office member cities of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities(IAPMC) and observer cities present at the 1st Ordinary Session of the Executive Office of 2008 held on April 24th and 25th 2008 at Suwon, Korea,

Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the existence IAPMC born in September of 1988 “in order to build a world with less violence and more humanity, where tolerance and mutual respect are practiced, so we can create an environment where peace can be established on a foundation of justice and human rights”,

Taking pride in the joint efforts of the entire members for world peace during that time,

Being on the other hand disappointed by the paradoxical fact that despite the great technological advances made during the last 20 years such as in IT and biotechnology, making life more convenient and rich, the security and peace of humankind is facing serious threats and insecurity,

Deploring the current sad state of affairs that despite efforts to control nuclear weapons based on the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty, nuclear disarmament is far from being accomplished, with the actual number of nuclear weapon state (NWS) that either admit or do not deny holding nuclear weapons increased from 5 to 9, and an increasing number of states suspected by the IAEA and the international community of developing nuclear weapons, and

Being further mindful of the increasing frequency and scale of calamities such as wars, military conflicts, large scale famine caused by man, bloodshed by terrorism, destruction of nature, global warming,

Hereby resolve to make the following recommendations to the member cities.

1. We cordially urge all member cities to renew their pledge to the noble purpose stated in the Preamble of the IAPMC Statute, and actively participate in the shared efforts to establish real world peace in cooperation with UN Organization. As a way to take action, we request their active participation in IAPMC meetings.

2. We believe the IAPMC should be made an important channel where we study and provide solutions to the problems in our cities in a network of mutual understanding and cooperation.

3. The IAPMC is to take the lead in solution of and relief efforts in issues like poverty, disease, wars, human rights violations, natural disasters, etc. And we urge member cities to develop and execute concrete joint projects for these ends.

4. We are to collaborate with other international NGOs to explore solution plans for potential threats to world peace, which states tend to neglect due to the complicated political consideration both national and international, in order to secure world peace and the safety of the cities.

5. We are always to show an interest in disputes caused by conflicts between states, between races, between religions, and encourage more cities and states to participate in finding a solution, and carry out a variety of activities as peace messengers that transcend national frontiers.

6. City leaders are to take the lead in sharing information between cities in a public forum and ensuring smooth exchanges covering various field in order to achieve the goals of each city for 『Improved Quality of Life for Citizens』 , through progress among others in environmental issues, balanced growth and improved income parity.

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Hiroshima (Japan)
Milano (Italy)
Morphou (Cyprus)
New Haven (USA)
Paju (Korea)
Plonsk (Poland)
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