RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A SPECIAL SEESION ON DISARMAMENT
AND
INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR DISARMAMENT

Meeting **in Volgograd, Russia on May 9. 2006 to commemorate the historic contribution of the Russian people to the ultimate defeat of fascism in the decisive Battle of Stalingrad, the Executive Board of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities, so designated by the General Assembly of the United Nations,**

Recalling **that the founding mission of the United Nations was to prevent the scourge of war for future generations,**

Recalling **that the first resolution of the newly founded United Nations called for the abolition of nuclear weapons,**

Deeply **concerned by the wars raging in Iraq and Sudan, among others, with untold deaths and destruction, and the dangerous tensions surrounding the issue of nuclear weapons with Iran and North Korea,**

Deploring **the increased traffic and manufacture of conventional and small arms fueling conflicts globally, and the lack of agreement by nations to supervise and control illegal trafficking**

Deeply troubled **that the present international situation is rife with the potential for the outbreak of a global war with catastrophic consequences,**

Resolve **to call for the General Assembly of the United Nations to mandate a Special Session for Disarmament 4 as an introduction to an International Decade for Disarmament,**

To encourage **National Commissions for Disarmament to facilitate public hearings, meetings and conferences involving broad-based civil society to develop national programs for disarmament,**

To develop **a schedule for the involvement of the national commissions in the deliberations of the various departments, committees and agencies of the United Nations**

To direct **this resolution to all Heads of States, Missions to the United Nations, Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, to Non-Governmental Organizations and the media**

May 9, 2006