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on the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

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Written declaration on the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the first atomic bombs used in war time were dropped on Hiroshima on 6 August 1945 and on Nagasaki on 8 August 1945,
- B. whereas the Register of Deceased Atomic Bomb Victims bears 237 062 names, of whom 5 142 were added on 6 August 2004,
- C. whereas this death toll warns us to beware of the utter inhumanity of atomic bombing and the horror of war,
- D. whereas every year the City of Hiroshima holds a Peace Memorial Ceremony to console the souls of those who were lost due to the atomic bombing as well as to pray for world peace,
- 1. Sends this declaration as a message of support to the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki;
- 2. Reaffirms its determination to work for nuclear disarmament and calls on the European Union to do its utmost to ensure that nuclear weapons will never be used again;
- 3. Calls on Members of the European Parliament to encourage mayors in their constituencies to join the Mayors for Peace;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the EU Presidency, and the governments and parliaments of the Member States and candidate countries.