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THE 3rd ANNUAL PEOPLE BUILDING PEACE CONCERT August 9, Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, NEW YORK

Youth from Japan, Europe and the United States
Join Civil Society Organizations to Call for Nuclear Disarmament

August 9th, youth from Japan, Europe and the United States will join civil society organizations to call for nuclear disarmament at the Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, across from UN Headquarters in New York. The call will be made as part of the "3rd Annual People Building Peace Concert," organized by Peace Boat and the International Institute on Peace Education, and co-sponsored by a coalition of civil society organizations committed to the mission of nuclear disarmament and abolition. The event will be held in conjunction with the Peace Boat's visit to New York on its 58th Global Voyage for Peace.

The youth will gather in New York as the culmination of their Global University Program, an intensive peace education program onboard the Peace Boat. The group consists of 20 Japanese students, and youth activists from Austria, Germany, and the United Kingdom representing BANg! (Ban All Nukes Generation: European Youth Network for Nuclear Disarmament) Prior to their visit to New York, the group made field visits to Faslane (UK), where the Trident Nuclear Submarine is based, as well as Sellafield (UK) where they made visits to the nuclear reprocessing plant, and held discussions with involved community organizations. Travelling across the Atlantic onboard the Peace Boat, the group will work towards a joint statement which will be presented at this event, as well as to the United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs.

The event will be a celebration of civil society initiatives towards nuclear disarmament, featuring more than 20 booths from participating civil society organizations, international music and dance performances by various artists including internationally renown folk singer and devoted peace activist, Pete Seeger. The event will also be followed by the screening of a documentary, "The Last Atomic Bomb" at an adjacent venue.

DATE: Thursday, August 9th, 2007 (4:00pm~7:30pm)
 PLACE: Dag Hammarskjold Plaza
 (E 47th St between 1st and 2nd Ave, across from United Nations Headquarters)
 CO-SPONSORS: Peace Boat, Peace Boat US, International Institute on Peace Education (IPE),
 Hague Appeal for Peace, International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear
 Arms (IALANA), Lawyer's Committee on Nuclear Policy, Global Action to Prevent
 War, Abolition 2000, NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security,
 Reaching Critical Will of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom,
 Mayor's for Peace, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation

PROGRAM SCHEDULE *

4:00	Introduction and Welcome
4:05	Welcoming Remarks by Cora Weiss (President, Hague Appeal for Peace)
4:10	<i>Performance by The Blue Vipers</i>
4:35	Remarks by Alice Slater (New York Director, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation)
4:40	<i>Peace Boat Performance 1</i>
4:50	Remarks by Peter Weiss (Vice-President, IALANA)
4:55	<i>Performance by Bhangra Dancers</i>
5:05	Remarks by Ambassador Takahiro Shinyo (Permanent Mission of Japan to the UN)
5:10	Joint Youth Statement from Japan, Germany, Austria and the UK (Global University students & BANg!)
5:20	<i>Performance by Yuca Seca Band, Latin Rhythms</i>
5:45	Remarks by Michimasa Hirata (Hiroshima A-bomb Survivor & Peace Activist)
5:55	Letters from Mayors of Nagasaki and Hiroshima
6:00	<i>Peace Boat Performance 2</i>
6:10	Remarks by Betty Reardon (Founder, International Institute on Peace Education)
6:15	<i>Performance by Pete Seeger & Walkabout Clearwater Chorus</i>
6:45	Remarks by Rhianna Tyson (Global Security Institute)
6:50	<i>Performance by ASIKO Band, Nigerian Afrobeats</i>
7:25	Remarks by Felicity Hill (Women's International League for Peace & Freedom)
8:00	“The Last Atomic Bomb” Post-Event Documentary Screening followed by a Q&A with the Producer @ Church Center Building 2F, 777 UN Plaza (E 44 th St on the corner of 1 st Ave) (NOTE: DIFFERENT VENUE)

* program schedule subject to change

ABOUT PEACE BOAT / PEACE BOAT US

Prior to its visit to New York, the Peace Boat 58th Global Voyage for Peace, which left Japan on June 9, has visited 14 ports including Aden (Yemen), Aqaba (Jordan) and Bergen (Norway). A unique non-profit organization, Peace Boat offers educational programs through its three-month around the world voyages, organizing lecture series, cross-cultural dialogues, interactive peace-building workshops, exchange programs and humanitarian aid projects onboard and in the countries it visits.

Peace Boat, an NGO in Special Consultative Status with the United Nations, was founded in 1983 by a group of Japanese students who wanted to meet directly with people in the Asia-Pacific who had suffered during Japan's past military aggression in order to build reconciliation and peace for the future. Peace Boat has since taken more than 25,000 people to more than 100 ports in over 80 countries.

Peace Boat US is a 501(c)3 organization founded in 2006 with the purpose of extending the Peace Boat experience to English-speaking individuals. Based at the United Nations Plaza in New York, the organization currently works to develop English programs and a framework for English-speaking participants to join the Peace Boat experience.