

**Gobierno de Reconciliación y Unidad Nacional
Unida Nicaragua Triunfa**



**Corinto City Declaration
on the occasion of the Peace Boat visit to the Republic
of Nicaragua
70th Global Voyage for Peace**

We, the Government of the Republic of Nicaragua, and the Secretariat of the Japan-based international civil society organization Peace Boat, on the occasion of Peace Boat's 70th Global Voyage for Peace's visit to Nicaragua and the 20th anniversary of its first visit to the country, release this joint Declaration.

Building upon our shared willingness to promote closer understanding and cooperation between Asia and Latin America, the Peoples of Nicaragua and Japan, and between governments and civil society organizations in the promotion of our shared goals toward peace, and:

Based on the aforementioned and acknowledging the common goals shared by Nicaragua and Peace Boat and the global civil society, we:

1. Recognize the importance of Peace Boat's visit to Nicaragua as a means to build understanding between the Peoples of Nicaragua and Japan, promoting in this way new and innovative forms of cooperation toward goals such as the protection of the environment, peace promotion, gender equality, solidarity, the promotion of the cultural values of our Peoples, as well as forms of sustainable and responsible tourism, creating new bonds of friendship at the individual level.

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2. Vow to continue our efforts, both at the governmental and civil society levels, to keep promoting initiatives to effectively address the effects produced by climate change and to preserve the environment, so that humankind can live more harmoniously with nature. Peace Boat supports these efforts, under the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, as stated in the Cochabamba Declaration issued at the World People's Conference on Climate Change and the Rights of Mother Earth, held in 2010 in Bolivia.
3. Express our opposition to antidemocratic and militaristic means to impose governments and interests far removed from the popular will, for they go against the internal constitutional order of any country and threaten regional peace, democracy, integration and stability.
4. Reiterate in this year, the 65th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings, that peace and nuclear disarmament are legitimate aspirations of humankind, and that both the Peoples of Japan and Nicaragua share a true commitment toward these goals, as enshrined in Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution and Article 5 of the Nicaraguan Constitution.

We acknowledge the importance of Latin America, as the first Nuclear Weapons-Free Zone through the Tlatelolco Treaty. Likewise, we also stress the fact that other countries in the region include already in their Constitutions principles of nuclear non-proliferation and complete nuclear abolition, prohibition of foreign military bases and peaceful resolution of international disputes.

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Peace Boat expresses its deepest respect for and admiration of the People of Nicaragua, for their strong commitment to nuclear disarmament, as shown by the full participation of Nicaraguan local governments in the Hiroshima-led international initiative "Mayors for Peace". Peace Boat and the Government and People of Nicaragua call on new cities in other countries to join this initiative.

5. Recognizing the above, commit to work together with other Latin American countries internationally to promote Peace Constitutions, and express our interest to move towards proposing a Resolution to the United Nations on the value of these constitutions as peace-building mechanisms, and to strengthen joint government-civil society initiatives, including the support of the start of negotiations for a Nuclear Weapons Convention.
6. Vow to work together, in cooperation with other governments and civil society organizations, in opposing the establishment of foreign military bases and other foreign military facilities, since they violate the territorial integrity and national sovereignty of hosting States, and negatively affect regional stability and peace.
7. Reemphasize the importance of accomplishing the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. We reiterate our commitment for joint government-international civil society efforts to call on the international community to uphold their financial pledges to the Goals, and emphasize the important link between nuclear disarmament and funding for sustainable development, in the spirit of the United Nations Charter.

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8. Convinced of the importance of Latin America as a region that has undergone political and social transformations of global significance, Peace Boat will continue creating new bonds of cooperation with all Latin American countries and regional blocs, among which the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of our America (ALBA) is an innovative regional framework for fair exchange and cooperation under a spirit of solidarity. We will strive to create new opportunities to deepen direct exchanges and understanding between and among the peoples of Latin America and Asia, especially youth, through such methods as the ALBA Youth Voyage, promoted by Peace Boat.

9. Celebrate the success of this visit by Peace Boat to Nicaragua, and vow to continue working hand in hand for the fulfillment of the elements contained in this Declaration, and to keep expanding our ties in upcoming visits.

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