The Greek Affiliate of IPPNW, the Observatory of International Organisations and Globalisation (PADOP), an NGO closely cooperating with the IPB and the United Nations, being currently very active on peace and disarmament issues, is preparing a number of activities to welcome at the port of Piraeus, Greece the Tokyo-based NGO, Peace Boat which is realizing its 92nd Global Voyage for Peace.

The voyage is host to the Ninth Global Voyage for a Nuclear-Free World: Hibakusha Project and will arrive to Piraeus with a group of Hibakusha (atomic bomb survivors) on board. This group will be specially welcomed by the Greek government as well as local government officials in Piraeus and Athens. In particular, following a short ceremony at the port, the group of Hibakusha will be received by the deputy Speaker of the Hellenic Parliament, Prof. Tassos Kourakis as well as by the Foreign Minister, Mr. Nikos Kotzias. Subsequently, the group will pay a visit to Plato’s Academy and the welcome events will culminate with a Peace Concert at the Great Hall of the Piraeus Port Authority. The Peace Concert will include freedom and solidarity songs by famous Greek composers, such as Manos Hatzidakis and Mikis Theodorakis.

After Piraeus, the Peace Boat will visit the Santorini island, (17/9/2016) where the mayor of Santorini will welcome and address the peace activists and the Hibakusha.

On the occasion of Peace Boat’s visit to Greece, PADOP has invited Mr Colin Archer, General Secretary of the International Peace Bureau (IPB) to participate in the programmed peace activities.

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