Despite commendable efforts by governments and the international community, internal civil strife and armed confrontations within national borders have continued to take place in several regions of the world, and constitute one of the major global problems. Many of these conflicts take place in urban locations and local governments have a specific responsibility to contribute to resolving such conflicts in peaceful ways.

With this in mind, the Municipality of Nevsehir (Cappadocia) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) in collaboration with the Turkish Association of Local Authorities (TALA), United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities (OICC), Mayors for Peace Organization, International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), Arab Towns Organization (ATO) and the International Urban Development Association (INTA) will be hosting the “International Local Authorities Peace Conference” in Nevsehir (Cappadocia), Turkey, on 25-28 September 2005. The executive Director of UN-HABITAT and the Prime Minister of Turkey will be among those participating in the conference. For more information please visit www.local-peace.org