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U.N. Employees Swimming for Peace

Three United Nations employees swam nearly a mile off of Tybee Island in teeth-chattering temperatures Saturday to bring attention to the U.N.'s designation of 1986 as the "International Year of Peace."

Adhiratha Keefe, who swam the English Channel last September to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the United Nations, Sunil Davidson and Shradha Howard swam about an eighth of a mile as the sun set. They then warmed up over a dinner on River Street and headed to Jacksonville, Fla., where they again will swim.

"We hope that our swims can in-

spire others to attempt something exceptional for peace," said Keefe.

Indeed, they inspired one jogger on the Tybee beach near 14th Street to wade in up to his waist to greet the swimmers.

The three began on Jan. 1 and Jan. 6 a series of "peace swims" in the frigid waters off shore from the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, where the United States dropped the first atom bombs to end World War II.

The men are doing the swims on their own time and are paying for the costs.

