

## **Declaration to launch the “Peace Wave 2021”**

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I hereby declare the start of the “Peace Wave” Action.

“Peace Wave 2021” actions are being held globally from August 2 to 9 in solidarity with the Hibakusha and commemorating the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The proposed common actions are to urge the nuclear-armed states to abolish nuclear weapons and to demand that governments of respective countries support and join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

To date, we have received action plans from over 100 places in 13 countries – New Zealand, the Philippines, India, Finland, Lithuania, Belgium, Austria, Germany, France, the U.K., Togo, Canada and the U.S.A. In Japan, Peace Wave actions are planned in more than 200 places across the country. Please refer to the list of these actions on the website of the World Conference Secretariat.

[http://www.antiatom.org/english/world\\_conference/peacewave.html](http://www.antiatom.org/english/world_conference/peacewave.html)

At 8:15 on August 6 and at 11:02 on August 9, remembering the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, hundreds of thousands of citizens and bereaved families in the two cities will offer a silent prayer for the victims. As a symbol of the Peace Wave Action, we call on you to join them by taking actions and displaying photos depicting the tragedies of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

A path leading to a world without nuclear weapons will be opened by public support for a global people’s movement, as well as by the voices and actions of each of us. Let us create great Waves of Peace in our local communities, workplaces and school campuses.